

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare community,

Below are important updates and events for the month of August. As always, please reach out with any question you may have.

Sincerely,
Nicole Bono

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13: Approved Mentor and CL training providers receive data verification forms
August 18: Full BESE meeting
August 25: Preparation provider monthly call

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

August 13: Deadline to [apply](#) for Believe and Prepare Collaborative
September 1: Deadline for submitting undergraduate mentor waiver applications
September 3: Deadline for Mentor and CL training providers to submit data verification forms

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar

Please join the next monthly webinar on August 25, 2021.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, August 25 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/440246097>
- Webinar Phone Number: 646-876-9923
- Meeting ID#: 440 246 097

Please contact nicole.bono@la.gov with questions.

Literacy Updates

ACT 108 (SB 216) requires all K-3 teachers and leaders to be trained in a foundational literacy skills instruction course that is based on the science of reading designed for the professional development of educators, and includes information on instructing students regarding phonemic awareness, phonics,

fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

The Department released an RFA for vendors. The following vendors were selected through this process:

- AIM Institute for Learning and Research (*AIM Pathways*)
- Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana (*Literacy Foundations Training: The Science of Reading*)
- Keys to Literacy (*Keys to Beginning Reading*)
- Voyager Sopris Learning (*LETRS*)

The literacy team has secured funds to also offer teacher prep providers the opportunity to attend the same training as K-12 educators. LEAs will be encouraged to include all residents in the training as well. The Department will provide further guidance on registering for these training in the coming months.

Please reach out to louisianaliteracy@la.gov with any questions.

Teacher Leader Lagniappe Podcast: Episode 3 Released

[Teacher Leader Lagniappe](#) offers a little something extra for Louisiana educators. As educators, we are leaders - leaders of our families, classrooms, schools, teams, and systems. Host Em Cooper shares inspiring stories from leaders in Louisiana and across the country. You'll hear from innovators, change agents, and experts that will empower you to grow in your profession. Educators can subscribe to the [podcast](#) and listen to the latest episode.

Episode 3 Summary: Em Cooper interviews time management expert Anna Dearmon Kornick who shares strategies for goal-setting, time management, and habit-building that any educator can incorporate into their life. She shares tips on how to set and achieve goals, build strong habits, and be more productive at work and home. Em Cooper spotlights St. Charles Parish's summer professional development.

Share Your Stories: Educators can submit [pictures](#) of the great things happening in your school and system for our What's Making Me Smile segment.

Please contact em.cooper@la.gov with questions.

Mentor Waiver

Waiver [applications](#) are currently being accepted for the 2021-2022 school year. The Department held a webinar on July 14 to provide an overview of the [application process](#). School system staff should initiate this process by creating a [log in](#). Waiver applications for mentors supporting undergraduate residents for the 2021-2022 school year should be submitted by **September 1, 2021**.

Please reach out to believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Mentor Credential Policy Updates

At the April 2021 BESE meeting the board approved changes to Bulletin 746 regarding mentor credential requirements. These updates include:

1. Honoring Previous Training and Experience
 - a. EDL or previous administrative certifications
 - b. NIET trained evaluators
 - c. CLASS trained evaluators
 - d. Supervision of Student Teachers

2. Removing the Content- Specific Assessments
3. Creating an Add-On Mentor Endorsement

These policy changes were approved by emergency rule and are **currently in effect**.

Please reach out to believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Believe and Prepare Collaborative Extension

The Department is excited to announce an extension of the Believe and Prepare collaborative. The collaborative provided an opportunity to bring together teacher preparation faculty and K-12 content experts to co-design course outlines for ELA and math methods courses. To further advance the work of the collaborative the collaborative will:

- promote the use of the course outline by faculty who teach methods courses in BESE approved teacher preparation programs;and
- conduct action research on the implementation of the course outline content into preparation provider courses.

Faculty who teach methods courses, who were not a part of the collaborative, are invited to apply for coaching and financial support in implementing the course outline materials. Teacher preparation faculty who participated in the collaborative may apply to serve as coaches to these individuals as well as submit proposals for conducting action research on their own implementation of the course outline.

The [application](#) is available in the **Believe and Prepare library**. Applications are due **August 13, 2021**.

Please reach out to believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Mentor and Content Leader Training Providers

In October 2021, BESE will receive effectiveness data of each approved provider offering Mentor or Content Leader training. Effectiveness data will include Louisiana Mentor assessment series or Louisiana Content Leader assessment series passage rates and active training facilitator credentials.

The updated [process for data collection and verification](#) can be found in the Training Provider Section of the [Mentor Teacher](#) and [Content Leader](#) Library.

Training providers will receive a data verification form with instructions for verification by **August 13**. Providers should complete and return the verification by **September 3**.

As an update to this process, teacherleadertraining@la.gov should now be included with Bloomboard on all enrollment form submissions. The [updated enrollment form](#) should be used for all Summer and Fall 2021 cohort submissions.

Contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

On-Site Reviews: 2021-2022

The first accountability cycle for the Louisiana Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System is 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. To ensure the Preparation Program Experience domain is measured using the same guidelines and format, the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 onsite reviews will take place virtually. The teacher preparation providers that will engage in the upcoming reviews are included in the chart below.

Program Provider	Onsite Review Date
Louisiana Resource Center for Educators	October 4-8
University of Louisiana at Monroe	October 4-8
Nicholls State University	October 11-15
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	October 11-15

If you haven't scheduled your on-site review, please contact Lydia.Hill@la.gov.

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

2021 Program Approval Applications

Teacher, early childhood ancillary certificate program, educational leader proposals for initial approval, and mentor and content leader training proposals are accepted and considered by BESE twice per year. Proposals that meet all initial submission requirements will be evaluated by a panel of reviewers to ensure proposals meet policy requirements.

Preparation providers seeking approval to offer new programs must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) (NOI). The Department will send a link to the application following receipt of the NOI. The deadlines to submit notices of intent and applications are highlighted in the chart below. Note that providers may submit NOIs after the deadline. Applications must be received by the below deadlines in order for them to be reviewed during the below review cycles.

Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
12/13/2021	1/07/2022	01/10/2022 - 02/18/2022	03/11/2022	04/13/2022
6/1/2022	6/30/2022	07/01/2022 - 08/19/2022	09/12/2022	10/12/2022

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