

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PREPARATION PROVIDER MONTHLY EMAIL

Dear Believe and Prepare Community,

We are excited to announce that the LDOE will be releasing a single, comprehensive, digital guide of our professional learning partners to school systems this fall. This will include your educator preparation programs and Content Leader and Mentor Teacher training programs. Currently, the LDOE has produced over ten separate, static vendor guides for school systems to access as they choose the partners that best fit their needs. Based on feedback from you and our school systems, we will provide a dynamic Professional Learning Partner Guide (PLPG) that will be more accessible and user-friendly for our school system leaders.

The PLPG will bring several advantages to both partners and school systems:

- **Visibility** - School system purchasers will be able to find your vendor profile more easily.
- **Clarity and Detail** - The new guide will allow you to tell a more complete story about your services and impact by embedding multimedia assets like videos, presentations, and PDFs.

All educator preparation program's points of contact received directions on the process for updating their profiles last week. We know that this will be a valuable tool to promote the fantastic work you are doing in your programs to foster stronger partnerships with school systems.

Em Cooper
Deputy Assistant Superintendent of Educator Development

UPCOMING DEADLINES

September 22: TOY/POY/NTOTY [nomination portal](#) closes
September 22: Deadline to register for numeracy focus group
September 30: Last day the teacherleadertraining@la.gov email account will be open
October 1: Deadline for licenses to be issued to qualify for Mentor/resident funding
October 1: Spring program approval cycle - [Notices of Intent](#) are due
October 20: Mentor and Resident data due in Edlink from school systems
November 4: [ETS Title II](#) collection period for 2022-2023 closes
December 10: Spring program approval cycle - [full applications](#) are due

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18: Certification [monthly call](#)
September 27: Monthly [preparation provider call](#)
September 28: Educator Prep Program Pathways to Teaching [Focus Group](#)
October 9: Numeracy Focus Group
November 14: First Pre-Educator Pathway learning visit

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NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar

Please join the next monthly webinar on Wednesday, September 27.

Webinar Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Wednesday, September 27 from 10-11 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.

Pre-Educator Pathway Learning Visits

Pre-Educator Pathway System Leads, Teacher Leaders, and Postsecondary Teacher Preparation Partners are invited to attend a Grow Your Own learning visit for a day of learning and community building. During learning visits, participants will have an opportunity to observe the Grow Your Own strategy that is being implemented in another school system and strategize to improve Grow Your Own efforts in their system.

The first visit will be held on **November 14 in Lafayette**. A registration link will be provided on the next teacher preparation monthly call.

Details and reminders about all supports will be shared through the [Pre-Educator Pathway Contact List](#).

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

Mentor and Resident Funding

In the 2023-2024 academic year, the data collection for Mentor compensation will take place using a similar process to what was used in 2022-2023. Those unable to join the Fall 2023 Mentor and Resident funding call to review the funding eligibility and process should review the [presentation](#).

School systems must submit all required data no later than **October 20** in EdLink. All certificates required (practitioner license, resident license, Mentor credential or waiver) must be issued by **October 1** in order to be eligible for funding.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.



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TeacherLeaderTraining@la.gov Account Closing

In order to streamline communications, the Department will be closing out the teacherleadertraining@la.gov email account at the end of September. This account was used for submitting enrollment forms for approved mentor and content leader programs. Starting immediately, all communications should be sent to believeandprepare@la.gov. The teacherleadertraining@la.gov account will not be utilized after September 30.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Registered Apprenticeships

In August, the Department submitted the first competency based registered apprenticeship in teaching in partnership with Tangipahoa Parish Schools and Southeastern Louisiana University to the Louisiana Workforce Commission. The apprenticeship application is expected to be approved in early September.

Once established, registered apprenticeships can leverage financial resources from the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor as well as state workforce financial resources to support this career pathway.

Additional details will be provided in the coming months to school systems and education preparation providers wishing to apply for a registered apprenticeship.

Please contact louisianaleaders@la.gov with any questions.

Teacher Leader Summit: Save the Date

The 12th annual [Teacher Leader Summit](#) will be held **May 28-30, 2024**, in New Orleans, LA at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Registration and presenter application details will be released this fall.

If you have any questions, please email events@emergentmethod.com.

Summit Extensions

[Summit Extensions](#) are fall and winter half-day professional learning experiences for key school system level leaders to focus on implementation of the [Professional Learning Roadmap](#) which underpins the state's Vision for Success.

[Registration](#) is open. Attendees at the Summit Extension should be the superintendent and the existing school system level instructional leadership team or senior cabinet members. The fall Summit Extensions will be held in three locations across the state.

- November 7: Baton Rouge
- November 8: Lake Charles
- November 9: Shreveport

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Geaux Teach Scholarship Program

Act 463 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature established the Geaux Teach Program, which provides scholarships to students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs at the state's postsecondary institutions that are approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Funding is also available to students attending certified alternative teacher preparation programs approved by BESE.

Students may receive up to \$5,000 annually to cover the cost of tuition fees, textbooks, and instructional materials required for enrollment. The [Geaux Teach Bulletin](#) with allocations for each eligible postsecondary school and provider was released on August 2.

Additional information about the Geaux Teach Program, including eligibility requirements, the [Geaux Teach Application](#), and answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) may be accessed on the [LOSFA website](#).

Please contact deborah.paul@la.gov with any questions.

ETS Title II Now Open for 2022-2023 Data

Title II Reporting Services [ETS portal](#) is now open for educator prep providers to begin entering their 2022-2023 enrollee and completer data. The portal will be open until November 4. ETS sent out the website user guide via email on September 5; if you did not receive this email and you are the Title II Coordinator for your program, please contact title2@ets.org.

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact believeandprepare@la.gov.

Legislative Report Focus Group

In consultation with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), the Department is studying all pathways to enter into the teaching profession. This is in order to make recommendations for removing barriers to certification and promoting consistency in certification and permit requirements.

We are inviting all Educator Preparation Providers to join a focus group on **September 28** at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 1:00 p.m. to assist with the collection of this information.

Please email believeandprepare@la.gov if you are interested in participating in the focus group. A calendar invite will be sent out after registration is confirmed.

If you have questions, please contact believeandprepare@la.gov.

Certification Updates

Please review the preparation provider [monthly call slides](#) starting on slide 28 for reminders regarding certification updates.

Please contact certification@la.gov with any questions.

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Certification Monthly Call

The Certification Office conducts a monthly call devoted solely to certification. Participants for this call should include individuals responsible for the implementation of certification policy in teacher preparation programs and school systems. Topics include legislative and policy updates, certification processing updates, and frequently asked questions. It will generally fall on the third **Monday** of each month at **10:30 a.m.** Any changes due to BESE meetings or holidays will be included on the [school system support calendar](#).

Webinar link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97801045748?pwd=N1JobWIDU1gvNnNYQk40Wjl3YmpxUT09>

Meeting ID: 978 0104 5748

Passcode: 959091

The next call is **Monday, September 18.**

If you have any questions, please contact Christy.Bellue@la.gov.

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

2023-2024 Program Approval Applications in Round I Evaluations

[New program applications](#) are now in the evaluation stage. Applications are reviewed to ensure applicants meet all policy requirements to obtain approval. Round I pending decisions have been sent to applicants. Applicants who receive a pending denial will be given seven calendar days to resubmit their application for Round II evaluations.

Cycle	Application Window Opens	Notice of Intent Due	Full Application Due	Round 1 Evaluation Period Begins	Notification of Pending Decisions	Round 2 Evaluation and Notification (as needed)	BESE Consideration
Spring	September 1	October 1	December 10	December 11	February 15	TBD	April TBD
Fall	May 1	June 1	July 10	July 11	August 26	TBD	October TBD

The spring approval cycle, going to April BESE for consideration, opened on September 1 with the [Notice of Intent](#) stage. Notices of Intent are due October 1 for this cycle. In order to support applicants, a [new resource](#) has been added to the [preparation library](#).

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TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System Performance Profile Release

The LDOE is currently hosting the annual Performance Profile debrief meetings with providers for the 2021-2022 Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System reports. These debrief sessions are individualized to each provider and offer insight into 2021-2022 Quality Rating Scores, as well as support for program improvement. Debrief sessions will be held until **September 22**. While the LDOE is in transition to a new hosting site, the TPQRS Performance Profiles will be found in the [preparation library](#).

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Preparation Onsite Review Update

The Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System (TPQRS) includes Preparation Program Experience as one of the domains. An onsite review by a third party is conducted once at least every four years to determine the [quality of the programs](#).

There will be no onsite reviews this fall. The LDOE will work with each provider to determine their onsite review windows during debrief meetings.

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