

Louisiana Believes

Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar
August 31, 2020

Agenda

Mentor Teachers

- Waiver Application Process
- Stipend Data Collection Process
- Resident Certificates
- Elementary Assessment Updates

Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System

- Launch of Louisiana Teacher Preparation Website
- On-site review framework training

Contact/Communications Update

In order to ensure that the Department can provide information to the relevant members of your team, we are asking that each preparation provider dean or program lead complete this [contact survey](#).

In addition, we are looking to adopt office hours to support in areas of greatest interest by elevating expertise from the field. Please complete the [survey](#) as soon as possible to ensure effective communications.

In addition, in an effort to streamline communications, starting in **September** we will invite all approved mentor/content leader training providers to join the second half of these monthly calls. The first half will be devoted to items related to teacher preparation programs. The second half will be devoted to providers of mentor/content leader training.

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Mentor Teachers

Mentor Policy

Beginning in **September 2020**, every teacher who serves as the Mentor of an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate candidate must hold the Mentor Ancillary Certificate, the Provisional Mentor Ancillary Certificate or the Supervisor of Student Teaching credential*.

Mentor Teacher ancillary certificates are issued to individuals who have successfully completed a state-approved Mentor Teacher training program, including state-led training, and have a passing score on the Louisiana Mentor Teacher Assessment Series.

A one year **provisional certificate** may be issued to any individual who has completed training or is currently enrolled in Mentor training. The provisional certificate is valid for one year and is non-renewable.

Teachers who hold the **Supervision of Student Teaching credential may serve as a mentor until August 31, 2023.*

Mentor Credential Waiver

On August 12, 2020 the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved a waiver of policy*, on a case-by-case basis, regarding the requirement that all undergraduate residents and post-baccalaureate candidates are mentored by a Mentor who holds the Ancillary Mentor Teacher certificate, the Ancillary Provisional Mentor Teacher certificate, or the Supervisor of Student Teaching certificate. This waiver is for the 2020-2021 school year only. Each Mentor who does not hold one of the credentials listed above must be granted an individual waiver, based upon being highly recommended by their principal or their principal's designee.

**Please refer Bulletin 746, Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel, and Bulletin 996, Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs for the Mentor credential requirements.*

Mentor Credential Waiver Application Process

Preparation providers are responsible for submitting the Mentor credential waiver application. The waivers will be issued on an individual basis. In order to apply for the waiver you will use [WizeHive](#) to complete applications for each mentor and submit the [attestation form](#). Additionally, you will provide information regarding the candidates to whom the Mentor teacher is supporting.

All providers must sign up as a **new user** for the mentor credential waiver application system. You should not log in using your previous credentials from past wize hive submissions. Please create only one account for your program. Upon submission of an application you will receive confirmation of receipt and a status of approval within 72 hours.

[Mentor Credential Waiver Application System](#)

[Mentor Credential Waiver Attestation Form](#)

Funding Overview

Mentors of yearlong undergraduate residents will receive a \$1,000 stipend for the 2020-2021 academic year. The stipend will go to the employing school system, which will pay it to the Mentor.

Candidates completing a yearlong undergraduate residency will also receive a \$1,000 via the MFP through the certificated teacher pay raise.

Eligibility

Who is eligible for the resident funding?

- The resident must hold a resident certificate with a valid from date on or before October 1, 2020. *(It is suggested that providers apply for resident certificates by September 1 to ensure they are processed in time for the stipend.)*
- The resident must serve in a MFP funded entity.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher in the same MFP funded entity as the resident teacher.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher that is reported in PEP with an object code of 112 (teacher) and a function code within the 1000s excluding 1530 (Pre-K) and 1531 (Head Start).
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher that is not a contract employee.
- The resident must serve with a mentor teacher holding one of the following on October 1, 2020:
 - Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate
 - Provisional Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate
 - Supervisor of Student Teaching Certificate
 - 2020-2021 Mentor Credential Waiver

Eligibility

Who is eligible for the mentor stipend?

- Mentors of certificated **undergraduate** residents in yearlong residencies are eligible for a \$1,000 stipend.
- The mentor teacher must hold one of the following on October 1, 2020:
 - Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate
 - Provisional Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate
 - Supervisor of Student Teaching Certificate
 - 2020-2021 Mentor Credential Waiver

Resident Teacher and Mentor Teacher Data Reporting Timelines

Timeline	Window Dates
<p>Teacher Preparation Providers Review Undergraduate Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Excel file submission using sFTP ● Opportunity for programs to confirm all undergraduate resident certificates have been applied for and update the residency LEA listed on the certificate 	<p>9/7/2020 - 9/25/2020 <i>(3 week window)</i></p>
<p>School Systems Report Undergraduate Residents and Mentor Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Excel file submission using sFTP ● School systems will use a reporting template to report undergraduate resident teachers serving within their school system and the mentor teacher that is providing support 	<p>10/12/2020 - 10/30/2020 <i>(3 week window)</i></p>
<p>Teacher Preparation Providers and School Systems Review Stipend Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunity to review undergraduate resident teachers who will be awarded the stipend and correct data submission errors for ones that will not 	<p>11/9/2020 - 11/20/2020 <i>(2 week window)</i></p>
<p>Final Report is Released Containing Stipend Decisions</p>	<p>Early December 2020</p>

Resident/Mentor Teacher Funding Process

Two webinars will be held on October 8th and 9th focused on the school system portion of the reporting.

Webinar #1 Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Thursday, October 8; 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/7328306617?pwd=MjBxa25SVVJpYUM3OVc4V3FaQ2VQQT09>
- Webinar Phone Number: +1 646 876 9923
- Meeting ID#: 732 830 6617

Webinar #2 Details:

- Webinar Date and Time: Friday, October 9; 1:00PM-2:00PM
- Webinar Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/7328306617?pwd=MjBxa25SVVJpYUM3OVc4V3FaQ2VQQT09>
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We will also host office hours if you are unable to attend either webinar or would like support in the verification process. Please email toriano.hayward@la.gov to schedule office hour time.

Guidance

The [slide deck](#) of the webinar detailing the process and a list of [frequently asked questions](#) for the Resident Teacher and Mentor Teacher Compensation can be found in the preparation library on LouisianaBelieves.com.

Questions? Need Assistance? Contact BelieveandPrepare@la.gov.

Resident Certificates

Resident teachers must *hold certification* by October 1 to receive stipend funds. For certification issuance by October 1, applications must be **submitted on or before September 1, 2020**.

Thus far in 2020, 415 resident certificates have been issued since January 1. There are approximately 50 Resident applications in queue for processing currently.

Please use the latest [resident certificate application](#), revised 3/30/2020, to submit through the online teacher certification portal. A complete application includes:

- Resident application page
- Professional conduct form
- Praxis exam score report(s)

Please ensure all pages are completed and signed. **Applications without signatures and dates older than 90 days will be returned without processing.**

Policy Updates: Mentor Assessment Series

In June BESE adopted a policy change that scales down (from six to four individual assessments) the Elementary assessment series. BESE also directed the LDE to provide an update report at the August meeting outlining how the Elementary assessment series will be scaled down. The LDE convened a work group. The recommendations from this work group include:

- The LDE needs to create a clear, concise [one-pager](#) that communicates to teachers which Mentor training pathway is most appropriate for them, *based upon the classes they are currently teaching*
- Elementary teachers currently enrolled in the Mentor teacher training program should be grandfathered into the policy change adopted by BESE in June.
 - Elementary teachers who enrolled in the Mentor training prior to the 2020-2021 academic year should be certified based upon passing the two coaching assessments and any two content assessments of their choosing
- Mentor teachers should be able to take the assessments outlined on the next slide, based upon the training pathway that is most appropriate for them

Elementary Mentor Assessment Series

All Elementary Mentors will take the *two coaching assessments* and *two content assessments*.

Teaching Area	Mentor Training Pathway	Assessments
Departmentalized Elementary - ELA	Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reading Complex Grade-level Texts ● Expressing Understanding of Text through Writing
Departmentalized Elementary - Math	Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demonstrating Math Content Knowledge ● Facilitating Mathematically Productive Discussions
Departmentalized Elementary - subjects other than ELA or Math (i.e. - Science, Social Studies, Health/PE, Music, Art)	Universal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Building Knowledge through Content-Rich Non-Fiction ● Adapting High-Quality Materials to Meet Student Needs
	Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choose 1 ELA ● Choose 1 Math
Non-departmentalized Elementary (all subjects)	Elementary	

Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System

On-site Review Framework Training

Over the last year, two on-site review work groups with more than 30 representatives from LACTE, private providers, and district-based providers met seven times to review and refine the on-site review framework.

The updated on-site review framework will be used for on-site reviews that take place during the first accountability cycle, which begins in 2020-2021. The link to the updated framework is available in the on-site review section of the [preparation library](#).

Class Measures held one virtual training session to go over the new framework on **June 30** and will hold a second virtual training session on **September 10 from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**. Please complete this [survey](#) to register. The webinar link will be provided after you register.

Launch of Louisiana Teacher Preparation Website

On September 9, the Louisiana Department of Education will launch a new website that will help soon-to-be educators choose the teacher preparation program that fits them best. Prospective educators will be able to visit LouisianaTeacherPrep.com to explore teacher preparation programs and pathways to become a teacher.

The website will include information and profiles on each approved teacher preparation provider. The site will be updated this winter to include each provider's performance on Louisiana's Teacher Preparation Quality Rating System.

Please complete the final validation of your institution's web pages by **this Wednesday (9/2)**. Thank you for your partnership in making this website a success.

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Closing

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

September 1: Deadline to submit Residency certificate applications to ensure issuance by 10/1/20

September 8: Preparation provider monthly email blast

September 25: Preparation programs complete review of Resident teachers for the Mentor and Resident teacher compensation

September 30: Preparation Provider Monthly webinar

October 8 & 9: Mentor and Resident teacher compensation technical assistance webinar for school systems reporting