



Overview

From catastrophic hurricanes to a global pandemic, Louisiana has faced extraordinary obstacles over the past two years. Nonetheless, our educators have shown unwavering resilience every single day. That is what makes Louisiana what it is. We don't run from adversity; we face it head-on – together. This year's Teacher Leader Summit is making a comeback, just like our educators are doing from the adversity Louisiana has experienced. This year's Summit and next school year will be better than ever.

The 2022 Teacher Leader Summit is an annual professional development conference which brings together Louisiana birth to grade 12 educators and content experts. Educators participating in the event will share their knowledge, learn new skills, and prepare for the 2022-2023 school year.

- The Teacher Leader Summit will take place from **May 31 - June 2, 2022** at the **New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (NOENMCC)**.
- Registration for this event will be on a first come, first served basis. As space is limited, we encourage you to register early.

The purpose of this document is to outline the specifics of Teacher Leader Summit 2022.

Summit Objectives

- **Improve the everyday practice of educators in Louisiana** by building their knowledge and skill in key areas related to their role.
- **Provide opportunities for educators to collaborate and share best practices.**
- **Introduce high-quality strategies, resources, and professional development aligned to the state priorities** that can be adopted and scaled in schools and school systems across Louisiana.
- **Foster a culture that celebrates and engages** educators and **empowers** and **inspires** them to take on an even greater leadership role within their classrooms, schools, and school systems.

Summit Schedule

Date	Time
Tuesday, May 31	9:00-4:00 <i>Check-in begins at 8:00</i> <i>Evening networking socials available</i>
Wednesday, June 1	8:00-4:15 <i>Morning and evening networking socials available</i>
Thursday, June 2	8:00-12:45 <i>Morning networking socials available</i>



School System Superintendent's Day

Day 1 of the Teacher Leader Summit will have a day-long session for district and charter superintendents only. On days 2 and 3, superintendents can attend sessions of their choice that have been previously scheduled within the Whova app.

Content and Audiences

When selecting educators to attend the Teacher Leader Summit, systems should prioritize sending those that work directly with the content areas below since there will be dedicated sessions throughout the event.

- Career and Technical Education
- Arts
- High School Experience
- Diverse Learners
- ELA
- Early Childhood
- Math
- STEM
- Science
- Literacy
- Social Studies
- Technology
- Instructional Best Practices
- Student Well-being
- System/School Planning
- Curriculum and Assessment
- World Languages

Systems should prioritize sending teachers to the Summit; system and school leaders are also encouraged to attend. The following educators would directly benefit from the sessions provided:

- Teachers
- Teacher Leaders
- Early Childhood Directors
- Teacher Preparation Providers
- Arts Teachers
- Librarians
- Counselors
- School Leaders
- System Leaders

Enhancements

Based on feedback from participants, the following enhancements have been made to Teacher Leader Summit:

- Improved event app, Whova
 - This application allows registration and session scheduling to take place on the same platform.
 - Additional features include:
 - Option to message the event managers
 - Leaderboard for attendees to earn points for engagement within the app
 - Top attendees on the leaderboard will be entered to receive prizes during the closing session. Winners must be present to win.
 - E-business card exchange
 - Digital event map
- Increased registration value
 - T-shirts and tote bags will be included in the ticket price.
- Networking opportunities



- Networking opportunities will be made available throughout the event, including morning and evening socials.
- Length of day adjusted to meet needs of participants
 - Sessions have been shortened from 80 minutes to 60 minutes.
 - Days have been shortened to conclude on or before 4:15 p.m. each day.
- Education Expo
 - The two-day Education Expo is designed to connect Louisiana educators with high quality professional learning partners and non-profit organizations for Q&A opportunities, relationship building, and the sharing of best practices. Participants that visit all booths and collect stamps within the Whova app will be entered into the Passport Contest prize drawing. Winners will be announced via the Whova app on Day 3 and must be present to win.

Registration

[Registration](#) for the Summit will open on January 10 on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. Registration will close on April 15. **Note:** Due to capacity constraints, there will be **no** onsite registration. All registrations **must** be completed in advance of arriving at the event.

Educators will use the same system, Whova, to register and build their schedules for the 2022 Summit. The Department strongly encourages the email address used for Whova to be the participant's official school email address. Personal email addresses have a history of blocking emails from event platforms and/or marking them as SPAM.

Registration Fees

To help offset the cost of running a high-quality, multi-day event for thousands of Louisiana educators, the LDOE will charge a registration fee for the 2022 Teacher Leader Summit. This fee will cover:

- Admission to conference
- Conference sessions
- Lunch
- Admission to Education Expo
- T-shirt
- Tote bag

All attendees will be provided lunch on May 31 and June 1. Special meal options will be provided for those with dietary restrictions. Educators can elect to not eat the meal provided, but no discount will be given.

Description	Fee
Early Bird Registration, 3-Day Package	\$100
Regular Registration, 3-Day Package	\$130



Participants can pay for their registration fee in Whova using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or AMEX. The Department does not accept cash, checks, money orders, or purchase orders for this event.

Waitlist

There will be no waitlist for the 2022 Teacher Leader Summit. Should any remaining seats be available after registration closes on April 15, the Department will re-open the registration window for approximately 2 weeks.

Presenting at Teacher Leader Summit

The Louisiana Department of Education is accepting applications to be a presenter at the Teacher Leader Summit until **February 4**. More information can be found in the [Presenter Application](#).

Sessions

Educators will have the opportunity to choose from more than 200 sessions led by content experts including but not limited to LDOE staff, partner organizations, and Louisiana Teacher Leaders. LDOE will release the full session list and open session selection via Whova on April 8, 2022 to all ticket holders.

Registered participants must reserve seats to sessions in advance via the Whova app.

Parking

Ample [parking](#) is available at and around the Convention Center for a daily fee. Some [parking lots](#) only accept cash. All overnight parking is prohibited. We encourage attendees to walk, utilize ridesharing services, use [public transportation](#), or carpool.

Health and Safety

Creating a healthy and safe environment for all participants is of the utmost importance and concern to the LDOE. The LDOE has outlined the requirements below as it pertains to health and safety measures related to the Teacher Leader Summit. Participants can review all of the COVID Safety Protocols [here](#).

Due to [current guidelines](#), all participants, presenters, and staff must provide one of the following in order to gain entry to the Teacher Leader Summit:

- proof of at least one dose of an approved COVID vaccine
- negative PCR/antigen test within 72 hours
 - because the Summit spans over 2.5 days and test results can have a turnaround time of 24 hours, this option will require at minimum two tests be completed

Testing locations in the New Orleans area, including drive thru locations, can be found [here](#).



What to Bring

To aid you in the planning of your attendance, LDOE encourages you to bring with you the following items:

- personal hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Lysol/Clorox wipes, should you desire
- water canteens (to be refilled at drinking fountains)
- sweater or other long-sleeved covering
- chargers for mobile devices, tablets, and laptops
- computer/pen and paper for notetaking
- umbrella in case of inclement weather
- comfortable walking shoes
- large carrying bag or backpack for your belongings

Social Media

The Department encourages all attendees of the Summit to share your experiences on social media using the hashtag #LATeacherLeaders. Be sure to tag the Department in your posts:

- Facebook: @LaEducation
- Twitter: @La_Believes
- Instagram: @la_believes

New this year, upon successful registration, educators will receive access to graphics to share across their social media platforms to celebrate attending the 2022 Teacher Leader Summit.

Cancellations, Refunds, Transfers, and Exchanges

Individuals may cancel their registration at any time through Whova. To receive a refund of registration fees, individuals must cancel their registration no later than May 16, 2022, ten business days before the Summit begins. No refunds will be issued after May 16, 2022. The refund will automatically be credited to registrants' accounts within 5–7 business days.

All Teacher Leader Summit tickets are non-transferable. This means only the person whose name is on the original registration confirmation may use that ticket. Should this person not be able to attend, he/she should request a refund via Whova. Another educator *cannot* attend in their place using the same ticket. A completely new and separate ticket must be purchased. If educators run into complications with this process, they are encouraged to reach out to the support team at LDOEEvents@la.gov.



Lodging

The Department has worked with hotels near the Convention Center to hold reduced-rate rooms for participants. Refer to the [map](#) of the Convention Center and the surrounding area including hotels and parking.

Hotel	Distance from Convention Center	Daily Rate	Additional Notes
Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center 1201 Convention Center Blvd New Orleans, LA 70130 504-566-9990	0.1 miles	\$157/\$207	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 4/29/2022 Valet Parking Rate: \$39 Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center 1001 S Peters Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-525-0044	0.1 miles	\$109/\$129	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 4/29/2022 Valet Parking Rate: \$45 Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel 859 Convention Center Blvd New Orleans, LA 70130 504-613-2888	0.1 miles	\$158	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/02/2022 Off-site Parking Rate: \$30 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
Springhill Suites Downtown 301 St. Joseph Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-522-3100	0.2 miles	\$158	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/02/2022 On-site Parking Rate: \$15 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
Sonesta ES Suites New Orleans 345 St. Joseph Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-522-1300	0.1 miles	\$158	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 4/29/2022 Self Parking Rate: \$21 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
Omni Riverfront Hotel 701 Convention Center Blvd New Orleans, LA 70130 504-524-8200	.4 miles	\$158	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 4/29/2022 Valet Parking Rate: \$45 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.



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Hilton New Orleans Riverside 2 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-561-0500	.5 miles	\$167	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/06/2022 Self Parking Rate: \$25 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
Renaissance New Orleans Arts Warehouse District Hotel 700 Tchoupitoulas Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-613-2330	.5 miles	\$158	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/02/2022 Valet Parking Rate: \$45 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
Courtyard New Orleans Downtown/Convention Center 300 Julia Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-598-9898	.5 miles	\$158	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/02/2022 Valet Parking Rate: \$35 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn Express 936 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70130 504-962-0900	.6 miles	\$139/\$169	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 4/30/2022 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
Loews New Orleans 300 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-595-3300	.7 miles	\$135	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 4/29/2022 Valet Parking Rate: \$25 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 12:00 p.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton 300 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-581-1300	.8 miles	\$109	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 4/30/2022 Self Parking Rate: \$30 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
St. James Hotel 330 Magazine Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-304-4000	.8 miles	\$129	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 4/30/2022 Valet Parking Rate: \$45 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.
Sheraton New Orleans 500 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-525-2500	.9 miles	\$158	Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/02/2022 On-site Parking Rate: \$35 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.



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<p>Hilton New Orleans 333 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70130 504-378-2800</p>	<p>.9 miles</p>	<p>\$139/\$149</p>	<p>Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/31/2022 Valet Parking Rate: \$45 Check-in time: 3:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>JW Marriott 614 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70130 504-525-6500</p>	<p>1.0 miles</p>	<p>\$158</p>	<p>Booking Link Reservation Deadline: 5/02/2022 Valet Parking Rate: \$49 Check-in time: 4:00 p.m. Check-out time: 11:00 a.m.</p>

Contact Us

The Department will share additional information about the Summit throughout the 2021–2022 school year via monthly school system webinars and the Department’s newsletters.

Click [here](#) to sign up to receive the Teacher Leader newsletter.

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions regarding the 2022 Teacher Leader Summit.



2022 Teacher Leader Summit Milestone Dates

Category	ACTION	DATE
Communication	Systems Leaders newsletter announcing Save-the-Date	11/09/2021
Sessions	Presenter applications open	1/07/2022
Education Expo	Exhibitor applications open	1/07/2022
Registration	Early Bird registration opens	1/10/2022
Sessions	Presenter applications due	2/04/2022
Education Expo	Exhibitor applications due	2/04/2022
Sessions	Teacher Leader session presenters named	2/21/2022
Education Expo	Exhibitors named	2/21/2022
Registration	Early Bird Registration ends Regular Registration opens	3/2/2022
Communication	Session schedule released to registrants via app	4/08/2022
Registration	Registration closes	4/15/2022
Education Expo	List of exhibitors released via Teacher Leader Library and app	5/03/2022
Sessions	Session materials available in app	5/17/2022
-	Day 1	5/31/2022
-	Day 2	6/1/2022
-	Day 3	6/2/2022

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