



## New Teacher of the Year Timeline

The **New** Teacher of the Year program recognizes and celebrates some of the state’s most exceptional new educators. This program provides an opportunity to acknowledge those new teachers who are already demonstrating excellence in the classroom and their commitment to student success that exemplifies Louisiana’s teaching profession. The **New** Teacher of the Year program recognizes the outstanding contributions of a **first-year** classroom teacher.

This document outlines the selection process and timeline for school systems. Questions can be emailed to [Laurie.Carlton@la.gov](mailto:Laurie.Carlton@la.gov).

### SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE

PHASE	TIMELINE	DESCRIPTION
Nomination Portal Open	August 22, 2023- September 22, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <a href="#">nomination portal</a> is open from Tuesday, August 22- Friday, September 22, 2023.</li> <li>Upon portal close, the nomination information is shared with school systems.</li> </ul>
Application Portal Open	October 11, 2023- January 26, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <a href="#">application portal</a> is open from Tuesday, October 11, 2023 - Wednesday, January 26, 2024.</li> <li>Upon portal close, the application information is shared with school systems.</li> </ul>
Informational Overview for Program Coordinators/ Stakeholders	October 11, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department will host an informational call that will provide an overview on the Teacher/Principal of the Year, New Teacher of the Year and Early Childhood Teacher/Leader of the Year programs and application process.</li> <li>Interested stakeholders may click the link below to join the call. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">October 11, 2023</a> at 3:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Informational Overview for Candidates	December 12, 2023 and January 11, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department will host two optional calls to support teachers as they prepare their state-level application and navigate the online <a href="#">application portal</a>.</li> <li>Applicants may click the link(s) below to join a call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">December 12, 2023</a> at 4:00 pm</li> <li><a href="#">January 11, 2024</a> at 4:00 pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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State-level Applications Due	January 26, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School systems may select up to three new teachers (one for elementary, middle, and high) to move to the state competition.</li> <li>By January 26, 2024 state candidates are to submit their application in the <b>New</b> Teacher of the Year online <a href="#">application portal</a>.</li> </ul>
Finalists Announced	Spring 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department names the 9 <b>New</b> Teacher of the Year Finalists (3 elementary, 3 middle, and 3 high)</li> </ul>
Finalist Interviews	May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State selection committees (composed of community and education leaders) conduct interviews with the 9 finalists at the Teacher Leader Summit.</li> </ul>
Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala	July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2024 <b>New</b> Teacher finalists will be recognized and celebrated at the 18th Annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala.</li> <li>On this evening, the overall winner will be named.</li> <li>This exciting event is co-sponsored by <a href="#">Dream Teachers</a>.</li> </ul>