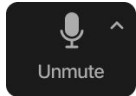


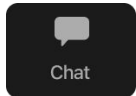
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- Please make sure your phone or computer is muted to minimize background noise.
  - To do this, hover over the bottom left-hand side of your screen and click “Mute.”



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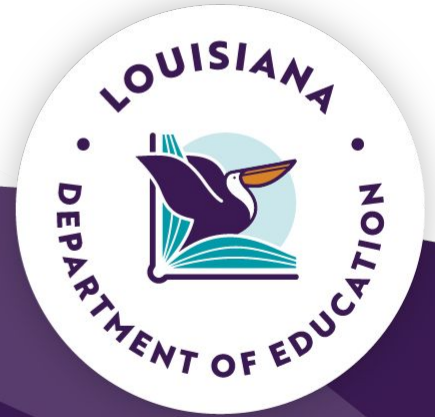
- Please submit questions during the presentation in the “Chat” function located on the bottom of your screen.

If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact [LDOEcommunications@la.gov](mailto:LDOEcommunications@la.gov).



# Educator Certification and Credentialing Monthly Call

September 16, 2024

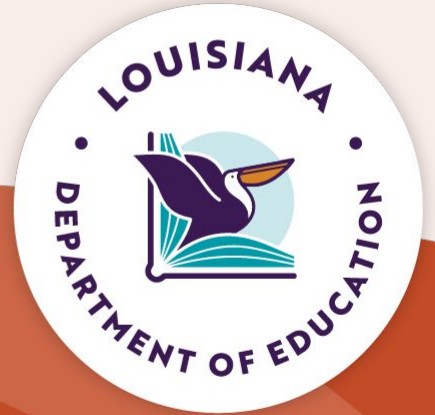


# Certification Processing by the Numbers

- July 2024
  - 3201 Applications Processed
  - 40% Processed within 15 Business Days
  - 89.8% Processed within 20 Business Days
  - 1253 Questions Answered
  - 95.8% Questions Answered within 5 Business Days
- August 2024
  - 3342 Applications Processed
  - 35% Processed within 15 Business Days
  - 75.8% Processed within 20 Business Days
  - 1131 Questions Answered
  - 96.7% Questions Answered within 5 Business Days



# Certification Updates



# Mentor Teacher Policy Update

- Effective August 20, 2024 the following has been updated in [Bulletin 746](#):
  - Provisional Mentor Teacher certificate **two (2) year** validity
  - The Louisiana **Educator** Evaluator pathway for adding Mentor Teacher
  - Practitioner License (PL) candidates - mentored by a **school system-based** mentor

Contact [Certification@la.gov](mailto:Certification@la.gov) with any questions.



# Proposed Policy Updates

- Computer Science-micro credentials:
  - Adding secondary computer science grades 6-12
  - Adding computer science and STEM grades K-5
- Updates to Montessori Certification
- Work-Based Learning CTTIE language
- Removing the ratings **highly effective** and **effective proficient** in TEP and aligning renewal with the standards of effectiveness in accordance with Bulletin 130
- Out-of-State Principal and Out-of-State Superintendent updates
- Removing teacher competencies and moving to a separate bulletin

Contact [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov) with questions.



# Add-On Endorsements Coursework Collection

The Certification Team is requesting coursework details for Add-On Endorsements from all university partners to ensure accurate and comprehensive information for candidate certification.

Coursework will be collected via a [survey in Jotform](#). The survey was emailed to authorized contacts on **August 19**.

## Important Dates:

- Survey Opens: **August 19**
- Survey Due: **September 16 (today)**

**If you have not submitted your survey, please ensure it is completed.**

Contact [Mia.Schaubhut@la.gov](mailto:Mia.Schaubhut@la.gov) with questions.



# Certification Reminders





# Phase 1 of New System

The Teacher Certification Online portal, question and application system is being redesigned in phases.

- **Phase 1** - Question System revamped
  - Testing occurred **June 17** through **July 17**
  - Implementation is tentatively scheduled for **September 18** (after business hours)
  - Users will need:
    - [MyLa account](#)
    - EdLink Security access (HR/Prep user roles only)
    - Access to the Teacher Certification ZenDesk Help Center

Contact [Certification@la.gov](mailto:Certification@la.gov) with any questions.



# Certification Monthly Calls

Beginning this month, there will be a [new zoom link](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. Calls will be held on the following dates for the new school year.

October 21, at 10:30 a.m.	November 18, at 10:30 a.m.	December 16, at 10:30 a.m.
January 27, at 10:30 a.m.	February 24, at 10:30 a.m.	March 17, at 10:30 a.m.
April 28, at 10:30 a.m.	May 19, at 10:30 a.m.	June 16, at 10:30 a.m.
July 21, at 10:30 a.m.		

Please contact [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov) with questions.



# Application Submission Deadline

To be eligible for associated funding and stipends, **resident teacher, practitioner teacher, and mentor teacher** certifications must be issued by **October 1**.

- Applications must be **submitted** by **September 1**
- Applications prioritized in September
- Applies to Mentor Teacher Waiver

Mentor Teacher Waiver questions should be submitted to [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov).

Contact [certification@la.gov](mailto:certification@la.gov) with questions.



# Literacy Coursework Requirements

Candidates completing Louisiana teacher preparation programs on or after **September 1, 2024**, are required to have completed literacy coursework semester hours or equivalent contact hours for initial certification.

- **3** semester hours for Secondary or All-level general education areas
- **6** semester hours for Middle School 4-8 general education areas
- **9** semester hours for Birth to Kindergarten, PreK-3rd Grade, Elementary 1-5, and **all** Special Education areas, including integrated-to-merged Mild/Moderate programs
- A Teaching of Reading exam **CANNOT** be accepted in place of literacy coursework for initial certification candidates completing after 9/1/2024

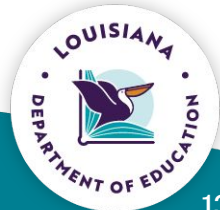


# Literacy Exam Requirements

Beginning **January 1, 2024**, **Out-of-State** applicants authorized to teach grades K-3 and Special education areas, not meeting exam requirements with experience will need to take the Teaching of Reading exam **in addition** to content and pedagogy exams.

**Initial applicants** completing **in-state** preparation programs already enrolled in the year-long residency and holding either the PL or R credential prior to **January 1, 2025**, are not subject to taking the Teaching of Reading exam.

Add-on policy is effective **September 1, 2024**.



# New Literacy Exam Option

BESE adopted the Louisiana Elementary Multiple-Subjects exam (**7001**), which includes the Teaching of Reading exam, as a part of the English Language Arts subtest.

- Allows for an option with the same number of exams as currently required
- Includes grades K-3 (PK-3, 1-5, Special Education areas)
- Passing score increases over time to gradually increase Science of Reading skill mastery for teacher candidates

Effective June 1, 2024



# Add-on Literacy Requirements (General)

For add-on purposes, general reading and literacy hours may be fulfilled with:

- The indicated semester hours
  - Successful completion of the BESE-approved [literacy foundations training](#) **may** be accepted for the number of hours approved per program documented with completion certificate
- Equivalent contact hours or
- Passing the adopted Teaching of Reading [exam](#)

LETRS completion certificates must be verified by [LouisianaLiteracy@la.gov](mailto:LouisianaLiteracy@la.gov) for add-on credit.

Effective September 1, 2024



# Add-on Literacy Requirements (Grades K-3, Special Education)

For add-on in areas **authorized to teach grades K-3 and special education** areas, educators must meet:

- General literacy contact or semester hour equivalent requirements

**AND\***

- Teaching of Reading exam requirements

\* Requirements cannot be fulfilled with two exams.

Effective September 1, 2024





# EDL 1 Alternate Pathway 4: MPA, MBA, JD and US Military Officers

Eligibility for the EDL1 via Alternate Pathway 4 requires the following:

- Completion of the educational leader training coordinated by LDOE.
- Awarded a Master of Public Administration, Master of Business Administration, Juris Doctorate, or honorably discharged commissioned officer of the United States military with a pay grade of O3 or higher.
- Successful completion of the BESE-approved [School Leaders Licensure Assessment \(SLLA\)](#)
- Upon employment as a school leader, must be paired with an experienced school leader mentor. The school Instructional Leadership Team must include a member who holds a graduate degree *in education*.



# EDL 1 Alternate Pathway 4: MPA, MBA, JD and US Military Officers

- Boot Camp is **scheduled for January 6-8, 2025**
- Teaching and Learning team members will present topics to include:
  - Instruction and support focused on six domains of the Louisiana Leader Rubric
  - Instructional Leadership Team structure and process
  - Instruction and implementation of high-quality instructional materials



# Dates of Importance, Supports and Resources





# Important Dates

**Sept 17:** Nonpublic School Council

**Sept 17:** Special Education Advisory Panel

**Sept 18:** Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Panel

**Sept 25:** Preparation Provider Monthly Call

**Sept 30:** Superintendent's Advisory Council



# Supports and Resources



- [School System Support Calendar](#)
- [Educator Resource Guide](#)
- [School System Planning Resources](#)
- [Family Support Toolbox Library](#)
- [Certification Bulletin, Bulletin 746](#)
- [Online Teacher Certification Portal, Teach LA Live!](#)