



# WHAT IS THE LOUISIANA EXEMPLARY EDUCATOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM INITIATIVE?

The Louisiana Exemplary Educator Recognition Program was created to acknowledge, honor and spotlight exceptional early- to mid-career teachers, teacher specialists, assistant principals and principals who exemplify Louisiana's education profession.

**PRIORITY ALIGNMENT**  
An effective teacher for every student

## CRITERIA

1. Exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective and innovative instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school;
2. Exemplary educational accomplishments and leadership beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession;
3. Individuals whose contributions to education are largely unheralded yet worthy of the spotlight;
4. Early- to mid-career educators (minimum of five years) who offer strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and
5. Engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community.

## CANDIDATE BENEFITS

If selected as an Exemplary Educator, the educator will receive a certificate of recognition, honored during a Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) meeting and may be invited to participate on advisory boards and task forces, as well as be considered for other state and national recognition programs. Your recommendations will identify educators who will be of great value to your school system, community and state because of their expertise. Your recommendations will identify educators who will be of great value to your community and state because of their expertise.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Candidates should have at least five years of experience serving in teacher, specialist, principal and/or assistant principal roles. This is a confidential process. Candidates should not be aware of this recommendation.

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