

# Preparation Provider Monthly Webinar



January 31, 2024

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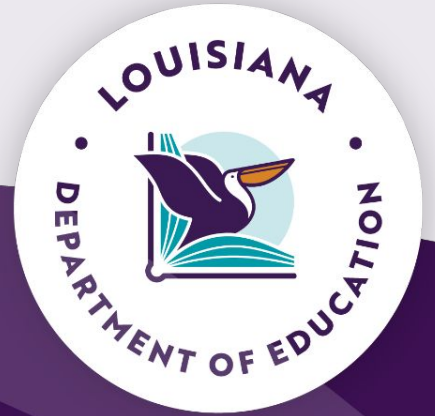
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# Office Update



# Department of Education Transition

- Division of Certification and Credentialing and Division of Educator Preparation are being combined
- Transition period: January 22 - February 2
- Preparation, Credentialing, Certification, Development, and Accountability will all be under one umbrella
- Lead by Arthur M. Joffrion, Jr., Ed.D., Deputy Assistant Superintendent



# LDOE Updates/Opportunities



# Mentor Funding

School Systems received Mentor funding in mid-January. System leads also received an email with a list of Mentors eligible for funding on January 12.

If a school system did not receive funding for a Mentor the most likely reason for ineligibility is:

- The Mentor was not coded as 112, teacher.
- The Mentor did not possess the required Mentor certification or Mentor waiver by October 1, 2023.
- The resident they supported did not hold their required certification (PL or resident license) by October 1, 2023.

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



# Pre-K Mentor Funding

Mentors coded as Pre-K teachers are not eligible for MFP Mentor funding. School systems receive funding for these Mentors through an allocation in EGMs, using 8g funding.

If a school system reported an eligible Pre-K Mentor, the system lead should have received an email following the January BESE meeting with details about accessing this funding in EGMs.

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



# K-12 Computer Science Standards

The LDOE is now accepting [applications](#) for volunteers who wish to serve on the K-12 Computer Science Standards Writing Committee.

Participants will agree to:

- volunteer their time and effort without compensation, per diem, or reimbursements;
- attend in-person meetings at the Claiborne building in Baton Rouge; and
- complete asynchronous work outside of scheduled convenings.

The [application](#) window is now open and will close at 4 p.m. on **February 5**.

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





# Teacher Preparation: Computer Science (5652) Praxis Exam

[Registration](#) is now open for the [Energize Project](#). This project is open to all 6-12 public and public charter school teachers with a free 40 hour virtual training that provides

- practice praxis content materials;
- tutoring and peer learning communities; and
- feedback from computer science faculty at Southeastern Louisiana University.

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

[The Energize Project](#)



# Professional Learning Partner Guide

Louisiana recognizes the importance of quality collaboration and alignment with professional learning partners in order to achieve our state's Vision for Success.

School systems have already begun planning for the 2024-2025 school year using the [Professional Learning Partner Guide](#) (PLPG) which streamlines all approved partners into a single guide. The PLPG helps school systems connect with outside partners to meet their needs.

To ensure school systems have access to accurate information, partners can update their profile on the PLPG by accessing the training and resources [here](#).

Please contact [amanda.slaughter@la.gov](mailto:amanda.slaughter@la.gov) with any questions.



# Teacher Leader Summit Registration

The 12th annual [Teacher Leader Summit](#) will be held May 28-30, in New Orleans at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. This year's Teacher Leader Summit will focus on "Leading the Next Level."

[Early bird registration](#) opened January 5. Register early and save.

[Regular registration](#) opens February 3. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Registration closes on **March 15 or at sellout**.

The deans of each prep provider will receive complimentary registration to the 2024 Teacher Leader Summit. An email with a registration link will be sent to each dean.

Please contact [events@emergentmethod.com](mailto:events@emergentmethod.com) with questions.



# Teacher Leader Summit Presenter Applications

The LDOE is looking for external partners to apply to present sessions at the 2024 Teacher Leader Summit. Prep providers interested in sharing their knowledge with Louisiana educators, please complete an application.

The deadline for [Presenter applications](#) is February 2.

Please contact [events@emergentmethod.com](mailto:events@emergentmethod.com) with questions.



# Teacher Leader Summit: Education Expo

The [Teacher Leader Summit Education Expo](#) is designed to connect Louisiana educators with high-quality professional learning partners and non-profit organizations outside of scheduled sessions for Q&A opportunities, relationship building, and the sharing of best practices.

The deadline to [apply](#) for the Education Expo is February 2.

Please contact [events@emergentmethod.com](mailto:events@emergentmethod.com) with any questions.



# Pre-Educator Pathway Site Visits

System Leads, Teacher Leaders, and Postsecondary Teacher Preparation Partners are invited to attend a Learning Visit for a day of learning and community building. During Learning Visits, participants will have an opportunity to observe Grow Your Own work that is being done in another school system and strategize to improve Grow Your Own efforts in their system. Please use this [Registration Link](#) to sign up for a visit.

- ~~Lafayette Parish - November 14, 2023~~
- St. Bernard/New Orleans - March 5, 2024
- Bossier Parish - April 16, 2024

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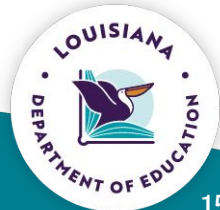


# Educators Rising Regional Conferences

Various universities will be hosting regional conferences for students engaged in the pre-educator work.

- **February 7** Northwestern University will be hosting a regional conference.
- **February 16** LSUA will host their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Educators Rising Regional Conference. If you would like further information please contact Morgan Willis at [mwillis@lsua.edu](mailto:mwillis@lsua.edu) or Maegan Schopper at [maegan.schopper@rpsb.us](mailto:maegan.schopper@rpsb.us).

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



# Pre-Educator Curriculum

The LDOE is creating a pre-educator pathway open-source curriculum that will be free to all school systems.

The curriculum materials should be available to school systems for use by December 2024.

The selected vendor will be relying on the expertise of Louisiana educators across the state. More details about opportunities to engage in the development of these materials will be provide in the coming months.

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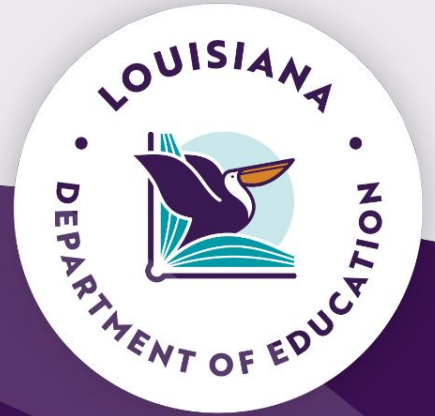
# Educator's Rising State Conference

Save the date, the Louisiana Educators Rising State Conference will be held on **February 29** at ULM. This year's state conference theme is "Discover Your Legacy". Registration is currently open for participants and exhibitors. The Deadline for attendee/exhibitor [registration](#) is **Thursday, February 1**.

Please contact [weems@ulm.edu](mailto:weems@ulm.edu) with questions.



# Educator Accountability Updates



# Spring Program Approvals

Providers who submitted for spring approval will be receiving a pending decision letter on **February 15**.

Cycle	<a href="#">Application Window Opens</a>	Notice of Intent Due	Full <a href="#">Application</a> Due	Round 1 Evaluation Period Begins	Notification of Pending Decisions	Round 2 Evaluation and Notification (as needed)	<a href="#">BESE</a> Consideration
Spring	September 1	October 1	December 10	December 11	February 15	TBD	April TBD

The next cycle will open May 1. See the [Preparation Library](#) for program [approval resources](#), including application rubrics. Programs submitting applications for review should use these materials to ensure their applications align with policy requirements.

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# Learning Year Evaluator Training

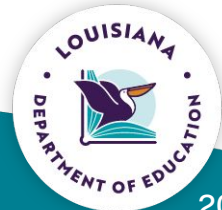
School systems will participate in the Learning Year during the 2024-2025 school year. The COMPASS evaluation system will not be used.

- Draft observation rubrics will be shared early 2024.
- Webinars will be held in the spring.

Face-to-face training for system and school leaders will take place this summer in nine regions across the state. Please see the [Louisiana Leader and Educator Rubric and Evaluation Training Guidance](#) for available dates within each region.

Teacher training will be available in August in the Professional Learning (PL) Platform. Additional resources will also be made available to systems.

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



# High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM)

Teacher Preparation Providers (TPPs) have identified purchasing HQIM as a financial barrier to providing quality experiences for their candidates. LDOE is guiding TPPs with the purchase and implementation of HQIM most chosen by local school systems. This assistance will help better align coursework with Birth-12 clinical experiences and more strongly prepare graduates for their Louisiana classrooms.

Deans and Directors will be receiving an email within the next few weeks with their allocation, a survey to gather information and assurances, and directions on the processes.

More information will be provided in the spring around opportunities for professional learning.

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



# HQIM Support Webinar

The following office hours will be held to answer questions and offer support around the purchase of HQIM.

Date and Time: February 15 at 10 a.m.

Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93514104094>

Meeting ID: 935 1410 4094

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



# 2022-2023 Teacher Prep Provider Performance Profile Verification

The window to verify 2022-2023 TPP completer rosters for Performance Profiles and upload completer consent forms will open on **February 1, 2024** in the [File Transfer Portal \(FTP\)](#). An email with instructions will be sent on January 31. Providers may attend an optional office hour to receive support:

Date and time: February 1 at 1 p.m.

Link: <https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/96258402693?pwd=c1RDbE5hTGZLTDRjMWhXYnhib3ZJUT09>

Link: Meeting ID: 962 5840 2693

Passcode: 815107

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



# ETS Reports are Available for Review

Title II Reporting Services [ETS portal](#) will open **February 1, 2024** in order for educator prep providers to review 2022-2023 completer data.

Please complete this review by **February 29, 2024**. Programs that need to make changes to rosters after this time period will incur a \$1,500 fee from Title II for each requested change.

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





# Certification Reminders



# Certification Policy Revisions

Policy proposed and adopted at the January BESE meeting include:

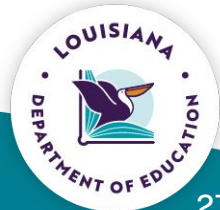
- Adoption of new exams in response to the legislative session and commission recommendations
- Alignment across bulletins or legislation, removing duplicative language, and reorganizing information
- Updated requirements for foreign equivalency transcripts
- Removal of unused or obsolete certification (EEL and Pre-PL)
- Updated OFAT renewal requirements
- Certification simplification
- Technical edits



# Praxis Exam Adopted

- As a result of recommendations from the Computer Science Education Advisory Commission, the LDOE proposed and BESE adopted a Computer Science exam (5652).
- The passing score is in alignment with the ETS Multiple State Standard Setting Study recommendation of 149.
- Policy is also allowing a transitional period where the current 30 semester hours of coursework for initial certification can be used for three years.

Effective June 1, 2024



# Literacy Exam Requirements

Beginning **January 1, 2024**, **Out-of-State** applicants, not meeting exam exemption requirements, authorized to teach grades K-3 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, which includes as a part of the English Language Arts subtest, the Teaching of Reading exam.

- 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

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
- 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



# Foreign Equivalency Transcripts

New foreign equivalency transcripts requirements include that a credentialing agency must be an endorsed member in good standing with either:

- [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#)
- [Association of International Credential Evaluators \(AICE\)](#).

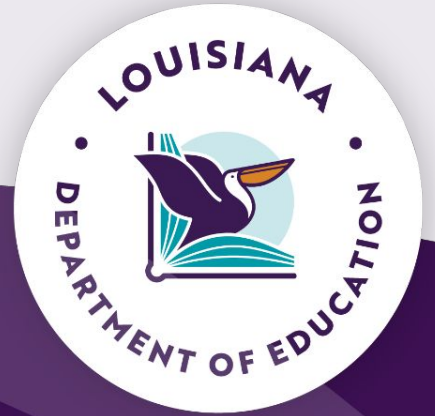
Policy is effective **May 20**.

An updated link to these entities will be available on [teachlouisiana.net](https://teachlouisiana.net) by May 20.

Effective May 20, 2024



# Mentor/Content Leader





# Mentor Waiver

In April 2023 BESE approved a full waiver of the mentor credential for the 2023-2024 school year. Just like previous years the mentor waiver will be granted on a case-by-case basis through the application process established by the LDOE and at no cost to the applicant, school system, or teacher preparation provider.

The [2023-2024 Mentor Credential Waiver Application](#) opened in July. Refer to the [Mentor Waiver Application Guide](#) for details on completing this year's application.

The 2023-2024 Mentor waiver application portal will remain open until **June 8, 2024**.

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



# Enrolling and Certifying Training Participants

- **Enrolling New Participants:** Cohort enrollment should be emailed to [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov) and [support@bloomboard.com](mailto:support@bloomboard.com).
- **Certifying Participants:** Share the steps for [Applying for Mentor/Content Leader Certification](#) with your participants.
- [Training Provider Roles and Responsibilities](#)



# Professional Learning Partner Guide

The LDOE has released a single, comprehensive, digital [guide](#) of our professional learning partners. The [Professional Learning Partner Guide](#) (PLPG) is more accessible and user-friendly for our school system leaders. The PLPG went live on October 16 with the opening of the 2024-2025 School System Planning Process.

Trainings for all partners (Content Leader, Mentor Teacher, and Educator Preparation) were held previously to review the process for updating your profile within the PLPG. Partners can access the presentation and resources [here](#). Please make sure you update your profile if you have not already done so.

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



# Resources



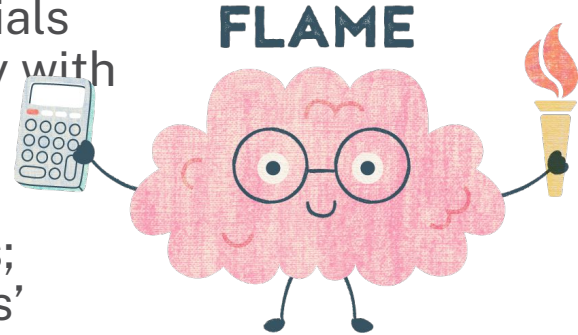
# K-5 FLAME

**FLAME** resources for Grades K-5 are now complete. FLAME resources complement high-quality instructional materials by building students' accuracy, efficiency, and flexibility with grade-appropriate fluency skills.

FLAME provides

- activities designed to build grade-level foundations;
- formative tools for teachers to understand students' learning; and
- unit reports for sharing with parents.

To learn more, view the [FLAME Kickoff Webinar](#).



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



# Bayou Bridges Updates and Resources

All Grade 6 [Bayou Bridges Units](#) are now available for download. Grade 7 units will begin to post on January 31. Please see the [Bayou Bridges Detailed Release Schedule](#) for publishing dates for all other grade levels and units.

Consult the [Professional Learning Partner Guide](#) for information on Bayou Bridges professional learning partners.



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



# Closing



# Upcoming Calls and Deadlines

## Upcoming Calls

- Preparation Provider Monthly [call](#), **February 28** at 10 a.m.





# Resources

[Preparation Library](#) (newsletter and monthly call decks located here)

[Teacher Preparation Approval Resource](#)

[Mentor and Resident Funding Slide Deck](#)

[Pre-ed pathway](#)

[Grow Your Own Learning Visit Registration](#)

[Geaux Teach Scholarship](#)

[PLPG Training and Resources](#)

[Updated Contact Form](#)

To sign up for the newsletter, email [believeandprepare@la.gov](mailto:believeandprepare@la.gov).



# 2023-2024 Monthly Call Dates

~~August 30, 2023~~

March 27, 2024

~~September 27, 2023~~

April 24, 2024

~~October 25, 2023~~

May 22, 2024

~~November 29, 2023~~

~~January 31, 2024~~

February 28, 2024

\*All on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

