



**Preparation Provider Monthly
Webinar
May 25, 2022**

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Teacher Leader Summit

In less than 15 days, Louisiana's educators will come together at Teacher Leader Summit in New Orleans. Educators will have an opportunity to hear from our [keynote speakers](#) Stephen M.R. Covey and Juliana Urtubey.

All registered participants must reserve a seat within WhoVa to attend [sessions](#) during Teacher Leader Summit. Session capacity is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. For details on how to reserve a seat, as well as prepare for arrival, attendees can use [these recommendations](#).

The City of New Orleans has lifted the mask, vaccine and test requirements as of March 21. Under the [updated guidelines](#), Teacher Leader Summit will not require these.

Please contact LDOEvents@la.gov with questions.

New Teacher Experience Kick Off

The Department is launching a comprehensive New Teacher Experience program in 2022-2023 to support the recruitment and retention of new teachers across the state. To kick off this program we will be hosting a New Teacher Experience Kick off event on **July 25** in Baton Rouge.

New teachers that attend this day-long event will:

- Attend sessions created specifically for new teachers.
- Hear from the New Teacher of the Year finalists.
- Learn about ongoing support structures available in the 2022-2023 school year.

Further details about how school systems can register new teachers for this event will be provided in the coming months.

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with questions.

New Teacher Of the Year Finalists

The Department is excited to share that the nine [New Teacher of the Year Finalists](#) will be serving as New Teacher Advisors to the Department. These outstanding new teachers will participate in events like the New Teacher Experience in July to share their lessons learned with other new teachers across the state, as well as advise the Department as resources such as affinity groups and modules of study are developed for new teachers.

The Department will announce the overall *New Teacher of the Year* at the *16th Annual Excellent Educators Awards Gala* that will be held on the evening of July 30, 2022. This exciting event is co-sponsored by [Dream Teachers](#).

Please contact laurie.carlton@la.gov with questions.

Pre-Educator Pathway Credential

The LDOE serves as the certifying agency for the [Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway](#). Schools should complete the [Pre-Educator Pathway Distinction Form](#) to recognize that a student has completed all pathway requirements and earned the Louisiana Pre-Educator credential. Schools should complete the form for Jumpstart students graduating in Spring 2022, by **May 18**.

[Pre-Educator Pathway Distinction Form](#)

- Parental PII Permission Form
- Course completion verification
- Assessment verification

Contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Pre-Educator Pathway Teacher Training

The LDOE will continue to coordinate statewide Pre-Educator Pathway Teacher Training.

For the 2022-2023, we will partner with Educators Rising to offer two trainings specific to their curriculum. The first training will take place in August and the second in January. Trainings will be followed with monthly collaborations focused specifically on the Educators Rising Curriculum.

Systems using Pathways 2 Teaching curriculum should contact the vendor directly to schedule Pathways 2 Teaching asynchronous teacher training.

Contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Program Approvals

Teacher preparation programs, early childhood ancillary certificate programs, and educational leader preparation programs for initial approval are accepted and considered by BESE twice per year. The chart below includes the timelines for the upcoming application cycles.

Application Portal Opens By	Notice of Intent Submitted By	Application Submission Deadline	Evaluation Period	Notification of Evaluation Results	BESE Considers (if recommended for approval)
05/03/2022	6/1/2022	6/30/2022	07/01/2022 - 08/19/2022	09/12/2022	10/12/2022
09/01/2022	10/01/2022	12/09/2022	12/19/2022 – 02/17/2023	03/09/2023	04/19/2023
05/01/2023	06/01/2023	07/10/2023	07/17/2023 – 08/01/2023	9/12/2023	10/11/2023

Program Approvals

The Survey Monkey Apply application portal opened for the notice of intent for program approvals on May 2, 2022 for the October application.

Survey Monkey Apply will conduct scheduled maintenance on June 1, 2022 at 6 pm. During this time, applicants may experience delays when attempting to submit applications. Therefore, the deadline to submit applications for October is extended to June 3, 2022.

Please contact lydia.hill@la.gov for further information.

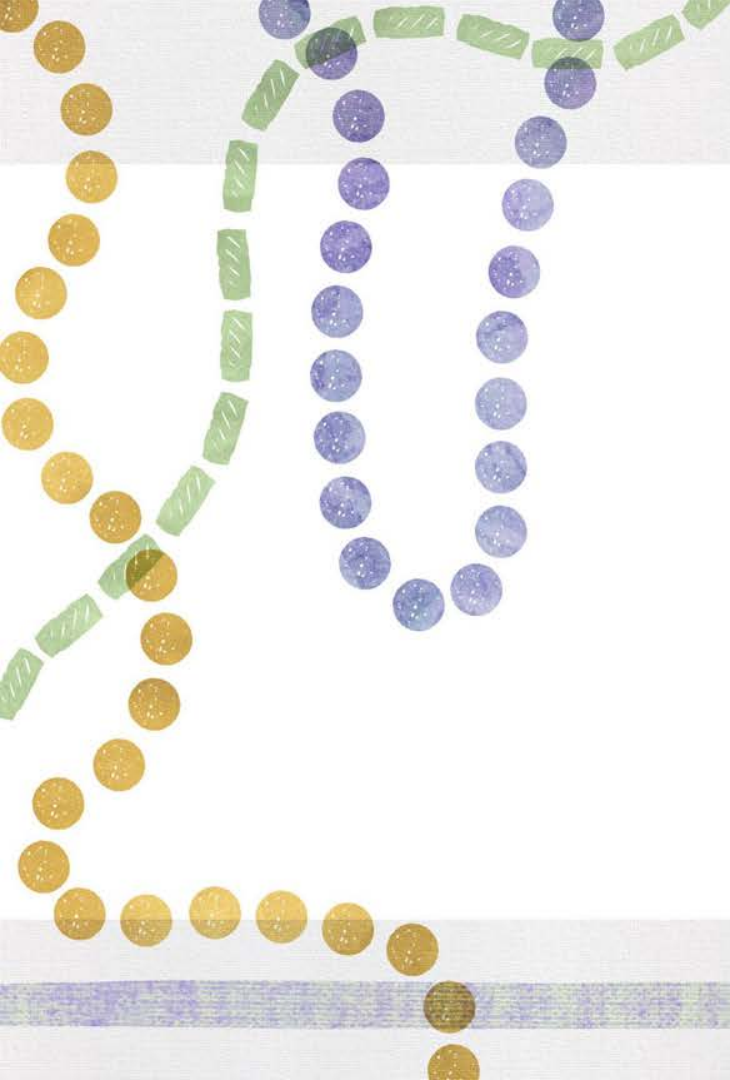
Performance Profile Public Release Waiver for the 2020-2021 Calculations

During the March 2022 BESE meeting, BESE approved a waiver for the public release of the 2020-2021 performance profiles due to the availability of value-added data for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 program completers. This means:

- Early May: Providers will receive an invitation to sign up for LDOE debriefings.
- Mid to Late May: Providers can meet with the LDOE team virtually to debrief scores with an emphasis on scores calculation due to VAM data.

Performance Profile Reports will remain the same on the [LouisianaTeacherPrep](https://www.louisianateacherprep.com/) website until the 2021-2022 Performance Profile Reports are calculated and released publicly.

2021-2022 Performance Profile Reports will be released winter 2022-2023.



Mentor Teachers

Mentor Waiver

At the April BESE meeting, the Board approved a waiver for the Mentor policy for the 2022-2023 school year. This waiver is identical to what was approved for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Department will share application instructions for requesting a Mentor waiver with school systems and preparation providers by early summer. It is anticipated that the application process will be identical to the [process](#) used in 2021-2022.

In addition, the Department will host office hours in July to assist with the application process.

Contact believeandprepare@la.gov with questions.

Mentor/Resident Funding

The amount of funding school systems received for resident teachers increased from \$1,000 to **\$1,800**. This went into effect this school year, 2021-2022.

The Department has determined that Mentors supporting **year-long undergraduate residents** in the 2021-2022 school year will also receive a \$1,800 stipend, instead of the usual \$1,000 stipend. These funds have been added to school system allocations in eGMS. This additional funding is for **one year only**, based on availability of funds.

All Mentor and Resident funds should be paid out by the end of the school year. Mentor funds are 8g and must be spent by **June 15**.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Post-Baccalaureate Mentors

Policy requires that alternate certification candidates in their first year on a Practitioner's License (PL) need to be mentored for five hours per week. School systems will verify this mentoring through an attestation form that is part of a candidate's application for a Level 1 certificate or renewal of a Practitioner License. Candidates without the mentoring will be unable to renew the PL or advance to the Level 1 certificate.

A list of [current first year PLs](#) was sent to school systems in April. Preparation providers may access this [list](#) using the link provided. The Department will send an updated list to school systems monthly.

Please contact believeandprepare@la.gov with any questions.

Certification Updates



Certification Literacy Updates

Acts 438 and 108 of the 2021 Legislative Session provide support to Louisiana students and families to increase literacy. Act 438 also required BESE revise teacher certification and the requirements of teacher education program requirements for all candidates seeking certification in grades kindergarten through third grade by July of 2022.

In March, BESE approved updated literacy competencies to align and reinforce the requirements in Act 438 around designing and implementing an integrated and comprehensive curriculum that develops students' understanding of content, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

At June BESE, LDOE will bring policy updates to align certification requirements with the law and new literacy competencies adopted in March. These updates include the adoption of a Teaching Reading Exam and clarification around the required coursework.

Summer Certification Training Call

Many program providers have inquired about a training for staff around certification. The regularly scheduled Teacher Preparation Monthly calls could be used for this purpose.

Which date would be better?

- **June 29 at 10:00 a.m.**
- **July 27 at 10:00 a.m.**

Is a different date altogether better?



Certification Reminders



ETS Exam Updates

ETS is phasing out or redesigning some of its exams. At April BESE, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, were adopted to include the newly redesigned ETS exams. There will be a one-year overlap where either current exams or new exams can be accepted for certification. Current exams will **expire** on **8/31/2023**. The **effective** date for newly adopted exams is **9/1/2022**. Newly adopted exams include:

- Biology (**5236**), score of 154
- Chemistry (**5246**), score of 146
- General Science (**5436**), score of 141
- Physics (**5266**), score of 145
- Early Childhood Special Education/Early Intervention Praxis (**5692**), score of 159
- School Counselor (**5422**), score of 159
- School Librarian (**5312**), score of 154

Geometry Add-On

In an effort to address the high school math teacher shortage, at April BESE, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, were adopted to create a Geometry Add-on.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Valid standard, professional level Louisiana teaching certificate or higher; and
- Pass the Geometry Content Exam

Application Updates

Policy and law changes, and processing nuances required updates to several applications. The applications were available online on April 1. **The new applications will be required to be used, effective May 1, 2022.**

Please be sure to download the latest version of any application before submitting in the [Teach LA Live! online certification portal](#).

Due to the volume of applications submitted, current processing times exceed 45 days.

Reading Competencies

Recent legislation and questions surrounding teaching reading competencies have led to a more **broad** interpretation of the law regarding teaching reading. Therefore, when issuing initial certification, our team will be looking for the following:

- Traditional Programs: Semester hours 3, 6 or 9 hours
- Alternate Programs:
 - BESE-adopted Teaching Reading exam (5206) OR
 - Signed assurances indicating contact hour equivalent

Literacy updates to certification requirements will be brought to BESE later this year.

With so many new Certification Specialists in training, the Certification office has reached out to our Teacher Preparation Program Provider Partners to request updated lists of reading coursework used.

Mentor/Content Leader Training Providers



Mentor Training Module Updates

Updates have been made to the Mentor training modules. Revisions to the modules include:

- Reduced total number of modules from nine to six.
- Increased focus on developing and executing a coaching cycle.
- Less explicit training on content topics, content is embedded through examples.

A webinar for training providers to review these changes as well the process for updating previously approved trainings will be held on Tuesday, June 14 from 9-11 a.m. and again on Wednesday, July 13 from 12-2 p.m.

Webinar link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87020837576>

Training Provider Reminders & Updates

- Share the steps for [Applying for Mentor/Content Leader Certification](#) with your participants.
- Cohort enrollment should be emailed to teacherleadertraining@la.gov and support@bloomboard.com.

Mentor Policy Updates

At the April BESE meeting, the board approved changes to Bulletin 746 regarding mentor credential requirements. These updates include:

1. Honoring Previous Training and Experience
 - a. EDL or previous administrative certifications
 - b. NIET trained evaluators
 - c. CLASS trained evaluators
 - d. Supervision of Student Teachers
2. Removing the Content- Specific Assessments
3. Creating an Add-On Mentor Endorsement

We encourage all providers to communicate these updates and [steps for applying for certification](#) with enrolled participants. Participants that meet the new policy requirements can complete this [survey](#) to request their Bloomboard completion certificate.

Content Leader Policy Updates

At the August 2021 BESE meeting, the board approved changes to Bulletin 996 regarding content leader assessment series passing score requirements. These updates include:

- Reducing the number of required micro-credentials from 5 to 4.

All participants are required to complete three content-focused micro-credentials and one of the two coaching micro-credentials (Leading Common Planning Time or Facilitating Adult Group Learning).

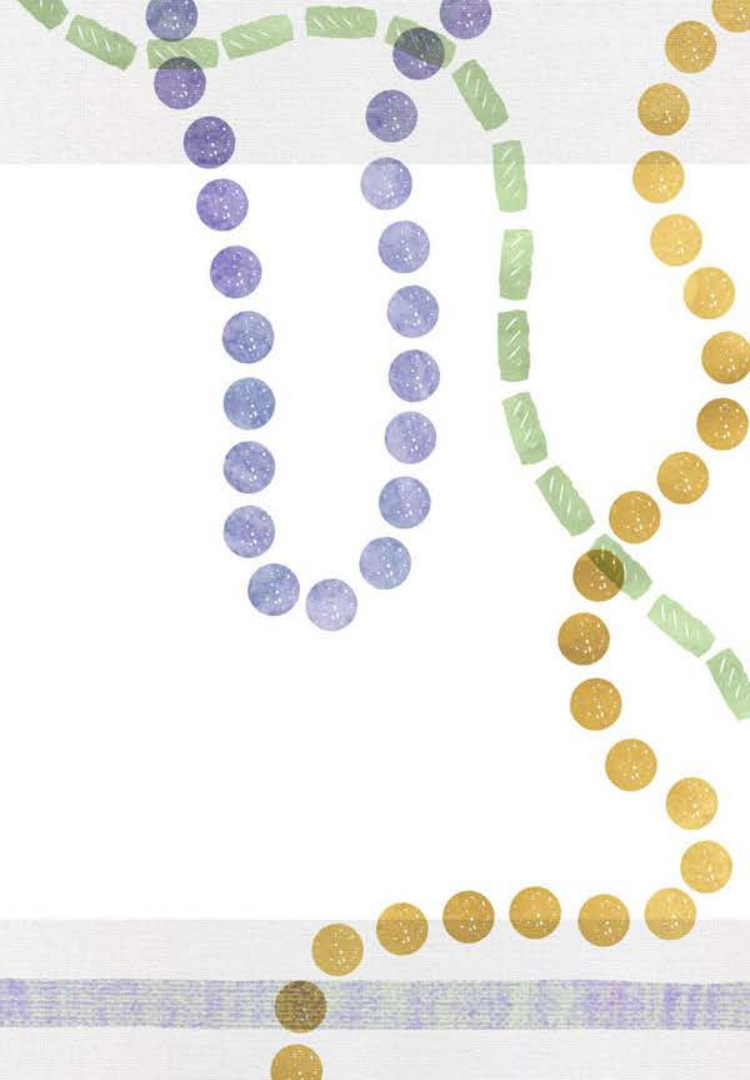
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Training Provider Effectiveness Measures Pilot Informational Session

Based on feedback from providers and a desire to provide BESE and school systems with a more comprehensive view of programs, the Department is developing tools that would create additional data points to be included in future training provider effectiveness reports. Currently these tools include **a participant survey, a system partner experience survey, and a training observation rubric**. This Spring, five providers have volunteered to participate in the piloting of these tools.

- A+PEL
- Great Minds
- Northwestern State University
- Southern University
- University of Holy Cross

Closing



Next Steps

- Look for the Believe and Prepare email blast on **June 14**.
- Join the certification training call.
- If an approved Mentor training provider, join one of the module update calls on **June 14** or **July 13** to learn about the updated modules.