

# DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

## Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State  
Certification of School Personnel  
(LAC 28:CXXXI.203, 350, and 675)

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has amended LAC 28:CXXXI in Bulletin 746— Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.

The proposed revisions provide for a mentor teacher waiver for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years; reduce the number of mentor teacher assessment series tests required; update provisional mentor teaching ancillary certificate criteria; honor prior training and experience; and establish a mentor teacher add-on endorsement for existing certificates.

This Declaration of Emergency, effective June 28, 2021, is for maximum period allowed by the Administrative Procedure Act, or until finally adopted as Rule.

### Title 28

### EDUCATION

#### Part CXXXI. Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel

#### Chapter 2. Initial Teacher Certification

#### Subchapter B. Testing Required for Certification Areas

#### §203. Certification Exams and Scores (Formerly §243)

A. – E.1.b. ...

F. Mentor Teacher and Content Leader. The mentor teacher certificate and the content leader certificate may be earned by passing the applicable Louisiana assessment series.

Certification Area	Name of Test	Number of Tests
Mentor Teacher	Louisiana Mentor Teacher Assessment Series—Elementary	2 coaching-related components
	Louisiana Mentor Teacher Assessment Series—Secondary ELA	2 coaching-related components
	Louisiana Mentor Teacher Assessment Series—Secondary Math	2 coaching-related components
	Louisiana Mentor Teacher Assessment Series—Universal	2 coaching-related components
Content Leader	Louisiana Content Leader Assessment Series	5

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6(A)(10), (11), and (15), 17:7(6), 17:10, 17:22(6), 17:391.1-391.10, and 17:411.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 32:1833 (October 2006), amended LR 36:485 and 488 (March 2010), LR 36:2265 (October 2010), LR 37:551 (February 2011), repromulgated LR 37:556 (February 2011), amended LR 37:3210 (November 2011), LR 39:1461 (June 2013), LR 40:277 (February 2014), LR 40:1680 (September 2014), LR 41:645 (April 2015), LR 41:916 (May 2015), LR 42:233 (February 2016), LR 43:1292 (July 2017), LR 44:264 (February 2018), LR 44:1999 (November 2018), LR 45:228, 230 (February 2019), repromulgated LR 45:403 (March

2019), amended LR 45:1458 (October 2019), LR 46:325 (March 2020), LR 46:557 (April 2020), LR 46:1374 (October 2020), LR 47:

### Chapter 3. Teaching Authorizations and Certifications

#### Subchapter C. Ancillary Teaching Certificates §350. Mentor Teacher Ancillary Certificate

A. ...

B. Provisional Certification. Individuals serving as mentors who have not successfully completed a BESE-approved mentor training program or mentor assessments will be issued a nonrenewable provisional mentor teacher ancillary certificate, which is valid for one calendar year from the date of issuance while the holder completes a BESE-approved mentor training program or mentor assessments.

1. Eligibility requirements for the provisional mentor teacher ancillary certificate are as follows. A teacher must:

a.i. have at least two years of successful teaching in accordance with LAC 28:CXLVII (Bulletin 130) and R.S. 17:3902, if teaching in a charter school without a valid type C, level 1 or higher certificate; and

ii. all out-of-state experience must be verified as successful by the out-of-state employing authority or SEA;

B.1.b. – C.3. ...

4. Individuals who currently hold or are eligible to hold National Institute for Excellence in Training (NIET) Teacher Evaluator Training Certification may apply for the ancillary certificate, which makes the individual eligible to serve as a mentor of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents.

5. Certified CLASS<sup>®</sup> observers may apply for the ancillary certificate, which makes the individual eligible to serve as mentors of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents.

D. ...

E. Renewal Guidelines. Mentor teacher ancillary certificates are valid for five years and may be renewed at the request of the employing authority.

1. Teachers in charter schools who do not hold a level 1, 2, or 3 certificate must successfully meet the standards of effectiveness for at least three years during the five-year renewal period in accordance with LAC 28:CXLVII (Bulletin 130) and R.S. 17:3902 in order to renew the mentor teacher ancillary certificate.

F. For the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, the requirement that all undergraduate residents and post-baccalaureate candidates be placed with mentor teachers holding the ancillary mentor teacher certificate, the ancillary provisional mentor teacher certificate, or the supervisor of student teaching certificate, is waived with the following contingencies.

1. Mentor teacher waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis through the application process established by the LDE and at no fee to the applicant, school system, or teacher preparation provider.

2. The waiver will be issued by the LDE for educators highly recommended by the mentor's principal and who possess one or more of the following qualifications:

a. two years of highly effective compass ratings;

b. national board certification;

c. statewide or national distinction for excellence in teaching;

d. experience as a TAP mentor, master teacher, executive master teacher, or certified TAP evaluator;

e. content leader experience, as evidenced by participation in content leader training or redelivery of professional development; or

f. master's or doctorate in education and exemplary experience hosting student teachers.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:3902.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 45:230 (February 2019), amended LR 45:1460 (October 2019), LR 46:1379 (October 2020) LR:47:

## **Chapter 6. Endorsements to Existing Certificates**

### **Subchapter C. All Other Teaching Endorsement Areas**

#### **§675. Mentor Teacher**

A. An authorization to serve as a mentor of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents may be added to a standard teaching certificate for teachers meeting the following requirements:

1. Certification. Individuals who have completed a BESE-approved mentor teacher training program and have a passing score on the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series will be issued a mentor teacher endorsement.

a. Eligibility requirements for the mentor teacher ancillary certificate are as follows. A teacher must:

i. hold, or be eligible to hold, a valid type C, level 1 or higher Louisiana teaching certificate;

ii. successfully complete a BESE-approved mentor teacher training program; and

iii. have a passing score on the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series.

2. Individuals who successfully complete LDE mentor teacher training from November 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020, are eligible for the mentor teacher ancillary certificate after passing the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series.

3. Individuals who hold national board certification are eligible for mentor teacher ancillary certification after passing the coaching-related components of the Louisiana mentor teacher assessment series.

4. Individuals who currently hold or are eligible to hold a Louisiana Administrative or supervisory credential as listed in Chapter 7 of this Part may apply for the mentor teacher add-on endorsement, which makes the individual eligible to serve as a mentor of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents without meeting the eligibility requirements for a mentor teacher ancillary certificate outlined in Chapter 3 of this Part

5. Individuals who currently hold or are eligible to hold National Institute for excellence in training (NIET) teacher evaluator training certification may apply for the mentor teacher add-on endorsement, which makes the individual eligible to serve as a mentor of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents without meeting the eligibility requirements for a mentor teacher ancillary certificate outlined in Chapter 3 of this Part.

6. Certified CLASS<sup>®</sup> observers may apply for the mentor teacher add-on endorsement, which makes the individual eligible to serve as mentors of undergraduate or post-baccalaureate teacher residents without meeting the eligibility requirements for a mentor teacher ancillary certificate outlined in this Section.

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