

The Louisiana Department of Education in partnership with [Dream Teachers](#) and the [Louisiana Association of Principals](#), recognizes and celebrates the some of the state’s most exceptional educators through the Teacher and Principal of the Year programs. These programs provide an opportunity to acknowledge those teachers and leaders who are making exceptional gains with students. Their commitment to student success exemplifies Louisiana’s teaching profession.

SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE

PHASE	TIMELINE	DESCRIPTION
Nominations Portal Open	August 28 - September 28, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nominations portal opens on August 28 and closes on September 28, 2018. Teachers, parents, community members, etc., submit Teacher/Principal of the Year nominations/self-nominations. Upon portal close, the nominations information will be made available to districts/charters.
Application Release	October 16, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department releases Teacher/Principal of the Year application materials for the 2018-2019 school year via the LDOE Weekly Newsletter. The Teacher/Principal of the Year application materials and timeline also post to the Department’s Award’s page website. Districts begin the district-level process.
State-level Applications Due	January 23, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts/LEAs select up to three overall Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists, one per division (elementary, middle and high), to move on to the state competition. By Wednesday, January 23, 2019 all candidate applications must be submitted in the online application portal.
Semi-Finalists Announced	Spring 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department names the 48 semi-finalists (24 teachers and 24 principals). State team conducts semi-finalist level competition.
Finalists Announced	TBD 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department names the 18 Teacher and Principal of the Year finalists (9 teachers and 9 principals). State selection committees (composed of community and education leaders) conducts face-to-face interviews with the 18 finalists.
Teacher Leader Summit	June 26-28, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-finalists and finalists participate in activities at the Teacher Leader Summit in New Orleans on June 26-28, 2019.
Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium	July 19, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honorees recognized and celebrated and state-level winners named.

Questions should be sent to ExcellentEducators@la.gov.