

**Purpose:** To provide detailed criteria for eligibility and recognition of PreK-4 educators in the Lafayette Education Foundation (LEF) Teacher Awards nomination process.

**Need:** LEF has received several requests to include PreK-4 educators in the LEF Teacher Awards nomination process. The LEF Board of Directors recognizes the importance of early childhood education and values the educators who provide a solid foundation for success in elementary school.

**Policy:** The LEF Teacher Awards will recognize PreK-4 educators who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Teaches at a school that includes upper grade levels (K and above)
- Teaches at a school that is under the authority of the Lafayette Parish School System
- Teaches at a school that is under the authority of the Diocese of Lafayette
- Teaches at a school that is under the authority of a campus that houses grades K and above.