Educator's Name: _____ Date: _____

Educational Leader Level 1 (EDL1) Certificate: Alternate Pathway 1, Individualized Program

Educational Leader (EDL) is the certificate needed by those who fill school and district educational leadership positions (e.g. assistant principal, principal, parish/city supervisor of instruction, supervisor of child welfare/attendance, sped supervisor, or comparable school or district leader positions). If the requirements below are met, an EDL1 letter of eligibility is issued. The certificate will be issued at the request of the employing Louisiana school system upon verification of employment in an educational leader capacity. Refer to the Educational Leader Reference for more details.

The following four requirements must be completed to be eligible for EDL1: Individualized Program.

Eligibility requirements:	Yes	No
1. One of the following teaching certifications and teaching experience:		
» Hold or be eligible to hold a Louisiana Type B or Level 2 teaching certificate or have a comparable level out-of-state teaching certificate*, and	☐	☐
» Three (3) years of teaching experience.	☐	☐
*Additional documentation is required to verify comparable level out-of-state teaching certificates. Please use the Teacher Certification Help Center to request additional guidance if not currently certified in Louisiana.	**- OR -**	
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» Hold an Ancillary Teaching certificate, and	☐	☐
» At least five (5) years of *successful* teaching experience.	☐	☐
2. Earned a graduate degree from an institution of higher education accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602.	☐	☐
3. Meet competency-based requirements, as demonstrated by completion of an individualized program of educational leadership from an institution of higher education accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602. An individualized program will be developed based on a screening of each candidate's competencies upon entering into the graduate alternative certification program. The institution of higher education must provide a letter verifying successful completion of the program. The letter should include a list of all approved courses the academic institution offers as part of their educational leader program and how the applicant met the competencies for each course or a crosswalk for educational leadership standards and what course(s) were prescribed based on the evaluation for that individual educator.	☐	☐
4. Have a passing score on the Praxis School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA). The Louisiana Leadership Assessment Series (LLAS) may be accepted in place of the SLLA if completed prior to assessment retirement by Bloomboard.	☐	☐

Verify certificate is valid (not expired) before requesting eligibility. Consult with the Louisiana employing school system to make certificate valid BEFORE submitting application for EDL eligibility if the certificate has expired or is nearing expiration.

- *A Louisiana teaching certificate must be valid to add eligibility and the qualifying degree.*
- *The teaching certificate is **not** required to be valid if currently employed in a leadership capacity and the employing school system verifies the employed role and signs the request to issue the EDL1.*

To request EDL1 eligibility or certification use the **Educational Leader 1 - Degree or Individualized Program** application in the Louisiana Educator Portal. Submit the request with all applicable items required within the application.

Extension Guidelines: An EDL1 is valid for three years initially and may be extended thereafter for a period of one year at the request of an LEA. EDL1 certificates are limited to two such extensions.

Advancement to EDL2 from EDL1 Guidelines: Individuals must be employed in a leadership capacity for at least three years and meet the standards of effectiveness as an educational leader for three years, verified in accordance with §103 of Bulletin 746 - Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.

Signature of Applicant: *I have reviewed requirements above and request evaluation for this endorsement.*	*For Certification Office use only*: **Evaluating Specialist**
_____ Date _____	_____ Date _____