

Graduation Rate in Beauregard Parish Remains Top Five in State Ten Years Running

The Louisiana Department of Education (DOE) has released the 2015 cohort data for graduation rates which shows Beauregard Parish tied for the fourth highest graduation rate in the state, according to Timothy J. Cooley, Superintendent of Beauregard Parish schools.

The 2015 graduating class in Beauregard Parish had a 93.9 percent graduation rate. This represents a .7 increase from the previous year and places Beauregard Parish as one of sixteen among the 74 reported districts in the state to have a graduation rate above 90 percent.

“This is the tenth year that the state has issued graduation rate data,” said Cooley, “and Beauregard Parish has been among the top five school districts in the state each of the ten years.”



Louisiana uses a Cohort Completion Rate analysis which tracks students entering the ninth grade through graduation. For the current standings, information was compiled over a four year period beginning with the 2011-2012 school year and ending in the spring of 2015.

Students who entered high school as first-time freshmen in the fall of 2011 were tracked through the time of graduation. A graduate is defined as a student who received a high school diploma in four years.

The DOE also released sub-category information pertaining to the graduation rate of different populations within the school system. Beauregard Parish was recognized for marked improvement for students with disabilities, increasing the graduation rate of this population by 17.5 points to 85.4 percent.

Graduation rates are used in the Department of Education’s evaluation of high schools, counting for 25 percent of the School Performance Score.

The graduation rate for the state was 77.5 percent, a 2.9 point increase from the previous year.

The goal of the Beauregard Parish school system is to provide excellence in education with a mission to graduate students who are prepared to meet the challenges of post-secondary education or careers, Cooley continued.

“Graduation is the defining accomplishment of our students and the result of tremendous work on the part of students, teachers, parents, and administrators,” Cooley concluded. “We will continue to provide every avenue available so that Beauregard Parish students attain their high school diploma and are prepared for their future.”