

Beauregard continues success on American College Test

The Louisiana Department of Education released 2016 ACT Composite scores showing Beauregard Parish among the top districts for highest ACT scores in the state, according to Superintendent Timothy Cooley.

Beauregard Students scored an average 19.8 composite, the twelfth highest composite score in the state, and the parish made gains in the number of students scoring an 18 composite or above, indicating college readiness. Beauregard Parish scored the highest composite among the five districts in the area.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning designed to measure the skills needed for success in the first year of college. The accountability results are based on the scores of the graduating class of 2016 and use a student's highest earned ACT composite on record to the extent practicable.

The overall state composite was a 19.5, and the state showed an increase in the number of students scoring an 18 composite or better on the test.

"The ACT test has become a significant component in Louisiana's accountability system, constituting 25 percent of a high school's total School Performance Score," said Cooley. "It also remains an important factor in college entrance, TOPS awards, and scholarship considerations."

Beauregard schools provide a variety of opportunities for students to prepare for the ACT. High school students can take a ½ credit course focused on ACT preparation. Schools also provide concentrated pull-out times during the week where ACT preparation is scheduled. *Edmentum*, *Study Island*, and *ACT Mastery* are programs used to help students prepare for the test, and individual classroom teachers incorporate ACT preparation as part of classroom lessons. An ACT Bootcamp will also be available for all high school students this fall.

"We are proud of our students for remaining among the top ACT achievement scores in the state, and want to congratulate the students, teachers, parents, staff, and administrators for this accomplishment," concluded Cooley.

