

Beauregard Maintains “B”, Increases Point Total in State Accountability

The State Department of Education released the 2016 District Performance Scores (DPS) and School Performance Scores (SPS) for K-12 schools showing Beauregard Parish maintained a letter grade of “B” and increased its total points to 89.0 for the District Performance Score.

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) assesses students annually in the *Louisiana Believes* accountability program for grades 3-12. The spring 2016 assessments measured progress on new academic standards for the second year of full implementation on the Louisiana Standards testing and marked the third year for the 150-point scoring system.

“Beauregard Parish continues to maintain a strong District Performance Score in the state accountability system, and we are proud that we show a 1.6 increase in total points over the previous year,” stated Superintendent Timothy Cooley.

Eleven schools in the parish increased or maintained their letter grade over last year, and five schools increased their total earned points from last year. One school earned an “A,” six schools earned a “B,” and five schools earned a “C.” No schools received a “D” or “F” letter grade.



Beauregard increased in four of the seven categories which make up the District Performance Score, including Grades 3-8 Index with a 3.5 point increase, the Strength of Diploma Index with a 2.4 point increase, the Graduation Rate Index with a 1.4 point increase, and the Graduation Rate Actual with a .7 increase. The district dropped by less than a point in each of two categories – the Dropout Credit

Accumulation Index and the End of Course Exams assessment. The district showed a 5.9 point decrease in the ACT Assessment Index. Beauregard Parish increased its graduation rate for the seventh consecutive year, earning a 93.9 percent graduation rate, the fourth highest in the state.

Progress points (formerly called ‘Bonus Points’) are awarded if students did not earn “Basic” but showed significant progress on LEAP tests or who struggled on state assessments but demonstrated significant progress on the ACT. The district overall did not earn progress points, but six schools in the district did.

All elementary schools are evaluated on 100 percent test scores. If an elementary school does not have a tested grade, then that school shares the School Performance Score (SPS) of the closest related school in the district with a tested grade. In Beauregard Parish, K.R. Hanchey Elementary shares an SPS with Carver Elementary.

All middle schools are evaluated on 95 percent test scores and 5 percent high school credits earned by the end of the freshman year. DeRidder Junior High School is the only school classified as a middle school by the LDOE in Beauregard Parish.

All high schools are evaluated based on 25 percent ACT composite scores, 25 percent End-of-Course test scores, 25 percent graduation rates, and 25 percent quality of

diploma. DeRidder High School is the only school in Beauregard Parish classified as a high school by the LDOE.

All combination schools are evaluated on the average K-8 School Performance Score times the number of students plus 9-12 School Performance Score times the number of students.

Under the 150 point scale, districts and school scores designate the following: 100-150=A; 85-99.9=B; 70-84.9=C; 50-69.9=D; and 0-49.9=F. School scores and letter grades include: Carver Elementary, 75.3 - C; DeRidder High School, 98.5-B; DeRidder Junior High School, 77.9 - C; East Beauregard Elementary, 95.9 - B; East Beauregard High School, 96.4 - B; K.R. Hanchey Elementary, 75.3 - C; Merryville High School, 94.9 - B; Pine Wood Elementary, 75.8 - C; Singer High School, 79.1 - C; South Beauregard Elementary, 97.2 - B; South Beauregard Upper Elementary, 101.5 - A; and South Beauregard High School, 95.7 - B.

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