

Beauregard Virtual Program Offers Online Learning With Local Options

The Beauregard Virtual Program is an online program of study open to high school students enrolled in a Beauregard Parish public high school, according to Terrie Smith, program coordinator.

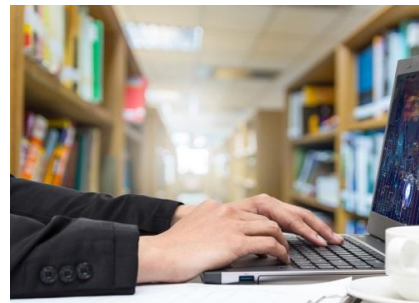
Students may take one course, a few courses, or a full-time schedule. The program is provided tuition-free during the regular school year for all enrolled students.

“The Beauregard Virtual Program is provided through the Beauregard Parish School System offering original credit or credit recovery options for students on a full-time or part-time basis,” Smith explained.

This alternative learning environment is designed to meet the needs of students who desire to pursue their education in part or entirely through distance learning. It includes a variety of virtual courses offering a full curriculum to earn a Louisiana high school diploma.

“Students may need an alternative to the traditional classroom for a variety of reasons,” she said. “The Beauregard Virtual Program can help meet the educational needs and goals of students with scheduling constraints, medical or mobile issues, and a variety of other situations.”

The program offers courses for original credit for those wanting to pursue their education outside of the traditional classroom setting. It also offers credit recovery for those students previously enrolled in a course but who were unsuccessful in earning credit.



The program is beneficial in keeping students on-track for graduation and giving them an alternative to dropping out of school. Flexible, online instruction provides a wide range of options for students to continue and complete their education regardless of extenuating circumstances.

Students register for the Beauregard Virtual Program through their district school site. The school counselor works with each student to ensure proper placement and course load toward graduation. Each student is assigned a certified Beauregard Parish teacher as an academic mentor who helps oversee the coursework completion.

Students can access lessons online and set goals toward completing each course. They work from their district school site, from the Beauregard Virtual Center, or from a home site with high-speed Internet access.

Course work is self-paced, and each student is responsible for his or her own progress. Academic mentors are available to help students online, via phone or email, and face-to-face. Students agree to engage a minimum number of lessons per week depending on their course load and are required to contact their academic mentor weekly.

“The Beauregard Virtual Program is an online learning environment with a rich network of local academic support providing an alternative to the traditional classroom,” concluded Smith. “We encourage anyone interested in learning more about the program to contact the guidance counselor at their district school site.”