

## Beauregard Parish Top Ten for ACT Results



Beauregard Parish schools remain among the top ten districts in the state for ACT scores, according to Assistant Superintendent Karen Cunningham.

“Among all districts in Louisiana, Beauregard Parish earned the seventh highest ACT score with a composite of 20.2,” she explained.

The state composite score was 20.2 and the national composite score was 21.1. Both the national and state composites include results from public and non-public schools combined while district scores report only public school scores.

The ACT consists of curriculum-based tests of educational development in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning designed to measure the skills needed for success in the first year of college.

Nationally, 49 percent of high school graduates take the ACT while in Louisiana the majority of high school students take the ACT. Louisiana is one of eight states with statically highest (100 percent) of graduating seniors taking the test.

The ACT results released this fall were compiled for seniors who graduated in the spring of 2011. Students’ most recent test results are used to determine the composite score, which may or may not be the students’ highest score.

The parish emphasizes ACT preparation by offering a ½ credit ACT Preparation high school elective as well as special study periods for all four subject areas, by providing ACT study materials which can be checked out through guidance offices, and by encouraging students to attend ACT preparation classes such as those held periodically at McNeese.

“Beauregard students have consistently ranked among the top ACT scores in the state,” Cunningham concluded. “We want our students to excel and will provide every means available for our college-bound students to be prepared for success in post-secondary courses.”