

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In regards to population projections, currently facilities are adequate to meet the growing demand. Beauregard Parish Schools are constantly monitored to ensure they are adequate now and for the future. In the summer of 2007, 86 community members from across the parish met on school-related Facility Needs Assessment Committees to study the needs of our schools and make recommendations for projects which will impact students for many years to come. Representatives from each of these committees then formed an overall Steering Committee for the purpose of determining needs of the system and evaluating each school's requests. Decisions were based on population growth in school enrollments, the number of households, and transportation studies, as well as school and community input. The Steering Committee compiled a list of projects that will meet students' needs across the parish including 22 new classrooms, 3 new gyms, one new elementary school, and numerous renovations such as improved lighting, restrooms, fencing, cafeteria, and drainage.

Beauregard Parish Schools are all equipped with the following:

1. Library services and materials

Every public school in Beauregard Parish has a library with reference and shelf books, OuPac Online Card catalog, computer labs with Internet access, appropriate peripherals, hardware, software, and hookups. Instructional and media materials include multi-media projectors, visual presenters, laser disc players, compact discs, and online database resources such as World Book Online. *Unitedstreaming*, a web-based digital video delivery system, provides more than 20,000 video clips for educators, and the Louisiana Public Broadcasting Directory of Educational Services is available for teacher use.

2. Science and Computer labs, auditoriums, theater, and assembly areas

For science and computer labs, see section C. iii. Every public school in the parish has an assembly area, and all schools but one has an auditorium on campus with stage for theater.

Beauregard Parish voters approved a bond issue in November 2008 which will provide \$4 million for new, upgraded, and improved technology in all parish public schools over the next decade. Currently there are over 3,000 computers in classrooms and labs across the parish giving our public schools a 1:2 computer-to-student ratio. Beauregard Parish school libraries K-12 provide computer labs with Internet access, printers, laser disc players, video projectors, laptops, visual presenters, video equipment for filming/viewing, audio equipment, and other appropriate hardware and software for student and teacher use. Each high school has a Calculator Base Lab (CBL) with probes and presentation equipment including Elmos and large monitors. Science departments provide access to computers, printers, video microscopes, and PDAs with software.

Other classrooms have computers and large-screen instructional technology equipment as well as Promethean Boards and projectors for daily class instruction.

Technology laboratories include writing labs, Title I labs, 8(g) labs, business labs, and mobile labs. Mini-labs consisting of four to five computers with printers have been placed in classrooms providing teachers and students immediate access to computer technology in most classroom settings.

A Technology Training Center staffed by a Computer Instructional Specialist is available for training teachers and other employees in computer literacy and specialized software and equipment. Employees can take classes to learn how to use and implement technology in the classroom. These include: Promethean Boards, Voters, ActivSlates, Projectors, Lightspeed audio enhancers, Elmos, scanners, printers, laptops, and computers. Software training for Louisiana INTECH, LaTEL, Microsoft Office, Worldbook Online, Unitedstreaming, OnCourse, JGradebook, Palms, Dreamweaver web design, Einstruction, Essentials, Proficiency Express, Inspiration, and Louisiana Information Literacy Initiative are taught at intervals throughout the year.

Student to teacher ratio for public and private/parochial institutions

There were 6,133 students enrolled in Beauregard Parish Schools on October 1, 2009. There are 435 classroom teachers, giving the district a 14:1 student-to-teacher ratio. The 2006-2007 District Composite Report from the State Department of Education (the latest one available) gives class range sizes per school. Carver Elementary has 30.3% of classes from 1-20 students and 69.2% of classes from 21-26 students. DeRidder High School has 68.3% of classes from 1-20 students, 20.6% from 21-26 students, and 10.6% from 27-33 students. DeRidder Junior High has 51.7 percent of classes from 1-20 students, 30.8% from 21-26 students, and 15.8% from 27-33 students. K.R. Hanchey Elementary has 53% of classes from 1-20 students and 47% from 21-26 students. Pine Wood Elementary has 47.7% of classes from 1-20 students, 35% from 21-26 students, and 13.2% from 27-33 students.

Louisiana Virtual School

The Louisiana Virtual School (LVS) is a state-developed, online program used to increase student access to a variety of high school courses, provide access to TOPS required and other courses in the absence of a certified teacher, enhance education for gifted and other students, and provide transfer students with the opportunity to complete coursework begun at another school. LVS engages master teachers who are experts in their fields to teach the LVS courses. Teachers interact with students through the Internet and email set up by LVS. LVS labs are set up at each school with a teacher as facilitator. Every public high school in Beauregard Parish offers courses through LVS. Course taken in Beauregard Parish schools include: French I, French II, Physics, Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Fine Arts Survey, and Latin. LVS Summer School is also available for high school students to earn new credit or to recover credit previously not

earned. Full-credit courses for the summer session include Advanced Math, Algebra II, American History, Astronomy, Chemistry, Computer Science, English III, English IV, Environmental Science, Fine Arts Survey, French I, French II, Latin I, Latin II, Physics, Spanish I, Spanish II, and World History. Half credit courses include Civics, Digital Graphics, Free Enterprise, Introduction to Psychology, Study Skills, and Web Mastering.

Accreditation for all public and private/parochial institutions

DeRidder High School has been accredited by the AdvancedEd Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), a most prestigious accomplishment which includes a year-long application and evaluation process as well as a renewal process every five years. DeRidder High School has been a SACS accredited high school since 1950, earning renewal at every evaluation since that time. DeRidder Junior High School and South Beauregard High School are currently in process for SACS accreditation, undergoing their Quality Assurance Reviews in early 2010.

Three DeRidder schools – Carver Elementary, DeRidder Junior High School, and K.R. Hanchey Elementary – have been named Louisiana PBS (Positive Behavior Support) Demonstration sites by the State Department of Education for scoring perfect or nearly perfect scores on the state evaluations of their Positive Behavior Support Programs.

Three DeRidder schools – most recently DeRidder Junior High School and previously Pine Wood Elementary and DeRidder High School – have been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as *National Blue Ribbon Schools*.

The following demonstrates the average ACT/SAT scores by high school in comparison with the regional scores:

ACT SCORES (by school and comparison with state and nation) – Beauregard Parish has the sixth highest ACT score in the state for the 2009 graduating class.

2009 Scores include:

ENGLISH – Beauregard CORE*, 21.0, Beauregard overall, 20.4, DHS, 20.4, Louisiana, 20.3, National, 20.6 – NOTE: Beauregard CORE students beat the national average

MATH – Beauregard CORE, 20.2, Beauregard, 19.8, DHS, 19.8, Louisiana, 19.6, National, 21.0

READING – Beauregard CORE, 21.0, Beauregard, 20.7, DHS, 20.4, Louisiana, 20.2, National, 21.4

SCIENCE – Beauregard CORE, 20.3, Beauregard, 20.1, DHS, 20.1, Louisiana, 20.0, National, 20.9

COMPOSITE – Beauregard CORE, 20.8, Beauregard, 20.4, DHS, 20.3, Louisiana, 20.1, National, 21.1

Note: Beauregard CORE, Beauregard overall, and DHS scores outperform the state average in every category

*Beauregard CORE scores are reported for students taking four years of English, three years of Math, Science, and Social Studies. Beauregard overall scores are reported for the latest ACT taken by all 2009 Beauregard Parish seniors.

I-LEAP/LEAP Testing

The Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) is a Louisiana-only accountability system created under the federal *No Child Left Behind* act which focuses on high academic standards and assessments as well as school and district accountability. The District Performance Score (DPS) indicates a district's overall achievement in the accountability program. A complex formula including LEAP and I-LEAP (Integrated LEAP) scores as well as attendance and drop out data is used to determine both district and school performance scores.

Beauregard Parish has ranked in the **Top Ten** parishes in the state every year of the program since its inception in 1999. Beauregard Parish earned the ranking of **8th in the state** for 2009 scores with a District Performance Score of 103.6.

BEAUREGARD PARISH 2009 DISTRICT PERFORMANCE SCORE	– 103.6
LOUISIANA 2009 PERFORMANCE SCORE	-- 91.0

Average LEAP and I-LEAP scores by category and compared to state average (*there is no national comparison for Louisiana-only tests*):

2009 LEAP – FOURTH GRADE

ENGLISH – Beauregard, 91, Louisiana 90

MATH – Beauregard 92, Louisiana, 85

SCIENCE – Beauregard 97, Louisiana, 89

SOCIAL STUDIES – Beauregard 92, Louisiana 85

2009 LEAP – EIGHTH GRADE

ENGLISH – Beauregard, 95, Louisiana, 92

MATH – Beauregard, 84, Louisiana 82

SCIENCE – Beauregard, 90, Louisiana, 85

SOCIAL STUDIES – Beauregard 85, Louisiana, 82

2009 iLEAP – THIRD GRADE

ENGLISH – Beauregard 95, Louisiana 87

MATH – Beauregard 96, Louisiana 86

SCIENCE – Beauregard 97, Louisiana 89

SOCIAL STUDIES – Beauregard 94, Louisiana 87

2009 iLEAP – FIFTH GRADE

ENGLISH – Beauregard 93, Louisiana 88

MATH – Beauregard 89, Louisiana 84

SCIENCE – Beauregard 93, Louisiana, 88
SOCIAL STUDIES – Beauregard 94, Louisiana 88

2009 iLEAP SIXTH GRADE

ENGLISH – Beauregard 92, Louisiana 89
MATH – Beauregard – 87, Louisiana 85
SCIENCE – Beauregard, 90, Louisiana, 88
SOCIAL STUDIES – Beauregard 91, Louisiana 87

2009 iLEAP SEVENTH GRADE

ENGLISH – Beauregard 92, Louisiana 88
MATH – Beauregard 88, Louisiana, 84
SCIENCE – Beauregard 90, Louisiana, 86
SOCIAL STUDIES – Beauregard, 93, Louisiana, 88

2009 iLEAP NINTH GRADE

ENGLISH – Beauregard 95, Louisiana 89
MATH – Beauregard 87, Louisiana, 84
(The state does not test ninth grade students for Science and Social Studies on the iLEAP)

NOTE: Beauregard’s scores outperform the state average in every grade category.

The following demonstrates the number and percent of seniors who pass the exit exam – average score:

The Graduate Exit Exams (GEE) are the LEAP tests for high school students. The Louisiana Department of Education requires students to pass the English and Math sections and either the Science or Social Studies exams to receive a high school diploma. Scores for 2009 graduates indicate percent of students passing:

ENGLISH – Beauregard, 93, Louisiana 88
MATH – Beauregard 91, Louisiana 88
SCIENCE – Beauregard 90, Louisiana, 85
SOCIAL STUDIES – Beauregard 85, Louisiana 84

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GRADUATION RANKING

For the past four years the state Department of Education has released a Cohort Completion Rate analysis which tracks students entering the ninth grade through graduation. This four-year study is a comprehensive and accurate method of providing information about graduation rates. Beauregard Parish ranked **1st in the state** for graduation rates for 2006, 2007, and 2008 Cohorts and **2nd in the state** for the 2009 Cohort.

The following represents graduating seniors who go to a 4-year or 2-year college or institution:

The State Department of Education provides information on First Time College Freshmen Enrollment. The latest report is from 2006-2007 and shows that 47.9% of Beauregard Parish graduating seniors enrolled as first time freshmen at a four year college or university.

Currently, the state does not provide information concerning first-time freshmen enrollment at two-year or technical colleges.

Amount of scholarship/grant dollars for higher education:

Beauregard Parish students compete for scholarships and financial aid for post-secondary study in schools across the nation. The 2009 graduating class received \$4,173,767 in funds. The average scholarship award was \$12,348 going to 57 % of the graduating class. Scholarship amounts received over the past five years include:

2009 - \$4,173,767

2008 - \$3,465,741

2007 - \$2,995,463

2006 - \$3,555,781

2005 - \$3,953,231

Dual-Enrollment Courses and College Credit Courses:

High school students have many opportunities to earn college credit through successful completion of courses taught by Beauregard teachers and college professors in the public school setting. Students enrolled in English III, English IV, American History, and World History Advanced Placement courses are eligible to take the AP examinations which are forwarded to the College Board for scoring. Grades are sent to colleges/universities for appropriate credit and placement to be determined.

Students may also earn college credit through English 101 and 102, Mathematics 113 and 170, and Psychology 101 and 233 through McNeese State University Early Admissions program. Student who meet the required criteria are able to become dually enrolled in a high school class and a college class simultaneously. McNeese professors teach the courses in coordination with school schedules. This McNeese off-campus program was established in Beauregard Parish in 1999.

Dual enrollment courses established through the Board of Regents Dual Enrollment program provide the opportunity for students to enroll in classes from McNeese State University, Northwestern University at Fort Polk, and Louisiana State University at Eunice earning both high school and college credit by meeting enrollment requirements. Approximately 120

Beauregard Parish public school students earned dual credit in one or more college course during the 2008-2009 school year.

Career and Technical students have a number of opportunities to earn post-secondary credits. Articulation agreements with Lamar Salter Technical College, Sowela Technical Community College, and Sabine Valley Technical College allow students to earn high school credits and technical college credits simultaneously. Industry Based Certifications (IBC) are also available in MOS, IC-3, OPET, ServeSafe, and OSHA10.

Students can participate in the STEPS (Senior Technical Education Program) at Sowela for dual credit. In this program, students can take courses leading to Associate Degrees in: Accounting Technology, Automotive Technology, Aviation Maintenance Technology, Collision Repair Technology, Commercial Art, Computer Specialist (Operations), Computer Technology/Networking Specialist, Computer Technology/Programming Specialist, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts and Occupations, Diesel Powered Equipment Technology, Drafting and Design Technology, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC), Industrial Electricity, Industrial Instrumentation, Machine Tool Technology, Office Systems Technology, Practical Nursing, Process Technology, and Welding.

Lamar Salter dual enrollment courses include: Business English, Desktop Publishing, Introduction to Word, Introduction to Excel, Administrative Procedures, and Outdoor Power Equipment Technology.

Other articulated credit Career Technical courses include Introduction to Business Computer Applications, Business Computer Applications, Food Nutrition, Advanced Food Nutrition, Welding, Financial Math, Accounting I, Web Design, and OPET (Outdoor Power Equipment Technology).