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EXPLORE EBR SCHOOLS



ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you enjoy reading the first edition of *Explore EBR Schools*, which will highlight the expansive opportunities for students and parents in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS). This school district is the second largest school system in the State of Louisiana and home to over 41,000 students. Our students receive a fantastic education from dedicated, hard-working teachers and employees who devote their lives to educating children. In EBR Schools, teaching isn't just a profession, it is a calling. We believe in serving the unique interests and needs of every child in a welcoming and safe environment.

From 21st century technology and new facilities to enhanced programming, including gifted and magnet opportunities, there is something in our schools for every family. Students receive instruction focused on STEM, STEAM, Robotics, and many other innovative programs. Our district has 12 National Blue Ribbon Schools, numerous National Green Ribbon Schools, and many nationally recognized teachers.

Ninety-five percent of our schools grew academically this year, and 72 percent of these grew to an "A" or "B" level. In fact, our district, while a "C" overall, is rated a "B" in progress. EBRPSS ranks first in the state in 2018 for the number of Advanced Placement tests taken with a qualifying score of three or higher. We are steadily improving and closing the achievement gap. Our schools provide a wide variety of extracurricular activities, including championship-caliber athletic programs as well as award-winning instruction in music and visual and performing arts that is second to none. We also provide a 1:1 ratio of computers in Grades 4-12, and we offer distance and online learning opportunities. Our goal is to ensure our students are college and career ready, with a 100 percent graduation rate.

I believe we must give our students the best we have to offer every day. We encourage you to look, visit, and select a school that meets the needs of your child(ren).

Thank you for your interest in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. We take tremendous pride in "Building the Future of Baton Rouge," and we hope you will join us on our journey to success.



Sincerely,

Warren Drake
Superintendent of Schools

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FROM THE EDITOR

Growing up in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, my favorite years were spent at Southeast Middle School. Sometimes, I wish I could go back to those fun, stress-free days. I remember being so involved with sports and clubs then. My favorite activity? Dance team! At the time, I was so eager to graduate and move on in my life, that now, looking back, those years are sometimes a blur.

Since I graduated, schools have changed a lot in the past 20 years. From the moment I found out I was going to be a parent, choosing the right school environment became an important decision, as I am sure it has for most parents. Do we homeschool? Do we need to move? Where do we need to live? Should we choose private? Can we get them into a charter school? Is magnet even an option? However, as we put this book together, I realized that my questions were premature. I wish I would have had all of this information to help us make a decision about our children's education then.

Our school system is really thriving, and great things are happening. Unfortunately, all we ever see is the negative. Every school system has their bad days, but why don't we focus on all the good in our school system? You would think our students would thrive more by being spotlighted for the good things accomplished, not the bad. During our photo shoot for the cover, I met several students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. I was blown away at the incredible manners these young children have. While watching the older girls show off some dance moves, I pictured my daughter right there with them.

Is our school system perfect? No, but whose is? Superintendent Warren Drake has done so many great things for our community, and we all need to rally behind him and our students. EBR is a great school system, and I'm confident that once you *Explore EBR Schools*, you will also see all of the wonderful things we have in our school system. We have highlighted each school in the system, showing the incredible programs they offer, even after the bell rings.

Help me show everyone who EBR really is. We need to flood social media with positive pictures of our students out and about in the community, helping one another.

#WeAreEBR

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy L. Foreman
Editor-in-Chief

TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS



The Advantages of Traditional Neighborhood Schools
Choices in education abound, and many parents are curious about exploring all the options. However, the traditional model of classroom education is what's familiar to most. The classroom led by one teacher within a school community has specific advantages that explain the reasons for its widespread appeal. Most children benefit from and thrive in this form of education.

Defining Traditional Neighborhood School
Traditional education is defined as teacher-centered delivery of instruction to classes of students who are the receivers of information. Traditional schools generally stress basic educational practices and expect mastery of academic learning in the core subjects of math, reading, writing, science, and social studies. Public schools generally follow this educational model, although charter schools can offer a more flexible educational approach. Other alternatives to the traditional public school include independent schools that operate outside the public school jurisdiction, religious schools, homeschool, and online learning. Since many factors come into play when choosing a school, it's wise to look not only at the educational program, but also at social atmosphere and availability of support services. Traditional schools are most common nationwide and can offer quality instruction along with the benefits of federal- and state-mandated regulations and laws.

The Social Advantage
Private school enrollment has declined in the past decade, which researchers believe may be the result of more parents experiencing a rise in tuition fees and a lackluster economy. Both charter schools and public schools must adhere to state regulations and cannot turn away or hand pick students. Because traditional public schools educate all children, a diverse population encourages children to develop tolerant and accepting attitudes. Online schools and homeschooling, while having the potential to deliver quality instruction, can lack the opportunity for children to learn alongside a community of other children. Noted education expert John Dewey stated his belief about the importance of social interaction in 1897, writing, "I believe that the school is primarily a social institution."

Covering the Standards
Unlike alternatives to the usual public school model, traditional schooling means that state-approved standards in all the curricular areas will be covered. Although these standards can vary some from state to state, these are generally consistent by grade level, and adoption of these educational standards means that parents can be assured their children are exposed to what other students are learning. Louisiana state standards can be accessed at louisianabelieves.com.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

The East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS) is committed to educate all students to their maximum potential in a caring, rigorous, and safe environment. The school district understands that in the education business, one size does not fit all. Therefore, EBRPSS offers a myriad of educational choices, including charter schools.

Designed to offer teachers, parents, and the community an opportunity to create new public schools in response to community needs, charter schools are accountable for academic results and for upholding the promises made in their charters. Recognizing the potential benefits for children, EBRPSS chose to become a charter authorizer. As an authorizer, the school district engages in proactive relationships and a value-added approach to all EBRPSS partner charter schools. While EBRPSS is not responsible for the ultimate success or failure of a charter school, the district takes its role seriously by providing strong oversight and accountability, while respecting the autonomy and uniqueness of each school.

During charter school start-ups, EBRPSS works closely with the founding groups to ensure a successful opening. Once in operation, the district monitors financial and academic performance through communication, site visits, and data/document review. If the charter school fails to improve student outcomes, EBRPSS can intervene in a variety of ways and, as a last resort, can close the school. EBRPSS supports high-quality charter schools as another vehicle leading to students' graduating with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become active and successful members of a dynamic learning community.



MAGNET PROGRAMS

The East Baton Rouge Parish Magnet Program offers students innovative, theme-based curricula in grades K-12 designed to spark student interest while providing a vibrant environment where students are engaged in learning as part of a magnet community. Over 23 programs provide unique experiences in areas such as STEM, Montessori, foreign language immersion, pre-law, digital arts and technology, visual and performing arts, entrepreneurship, pre-medicine, and pre-engineering. Parents are encouraged to explore the opportunities offered at magnet schools during the Fall Application period to select a program that best suits the academics needs and interests of their children.

Several of the district's magnet programs have been recognized as Blue Ribbon schools. Even more regularly receive yearly distinctions of "School of Excellence" and "School of Distinction" from Magnet Schools of America. Ten schools have earned "Certified National Magnet School" status by undergoing a rigorous evaluation conducted by Magnet Schools of America. These schools are Baton Rouge Foreign Language Academic Immersion Magnet, Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts, Baton Rouge Magnet High, Belfair Montessori Magnet, The Dufrocq School, Forest Heights Academy of Excellence, McKinley Middle Magnet School for Visual and Performing Arts, Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Magnet, Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet, and Westdale Heights Academic Magnet. Through evidence, reflection, and strategic action, these ten schools successfully completed the rigorous evaluation process and effectively demonstrated the Magnet School Standards of Excellence in their buildings.

In 2017, the district received a federal grant from the Magnet Schools Assistance Program to start four new STEAM-themed programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). These Creative Sciences and Arts programs at Park Forest Elementary, Villa del Rey Elementary, Park Forest Middle, and Belaire High provide an outstanding education delivered by specialized teachers through Project Based Learning in the areas of engineering, coding, robotics, and entertainment technology.





GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS

Gifted children show the world their high performance abilities intellectually, socially, and emotionally. East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS) is committed to provide identified Gifted students with services and/or activities designed to fully develop those capabilities. All EBRPSS students (Pre-K through grade 12) are eligible for a gifted screening. For those identified as Gifted, an instructional program is designed to support the student's unique needs and abilities. Teaching practices include high levels of cognitive and effective concepts designed to deepen understanding and encourage students to make connections as they build their knowledge base. Coursework with increased complexity extends beyond the curriculum offered in traditional classrooms. Class size is reduced in order to individualize each student's educational experience. Classes are taught by teachers certified in Gifted Education.

The Talented Arts Program works with EBRPSS students who have been identified as Talented in visual art, music, or theatre (K-12). Like the Gifted program, all EBRPSS students are eligible for a screening. Talented classes are designed to enable the creative talented students to further develop skills, increase knowledge, and grow as artists.

The Scholastic Academy Program is an exciting and innovative approach that identifies potentially Gifted students (Pre-K through grade 12). Created and designed in 1996 to expand learning opportunities, the Scholastic Academy Learning Contract contains objectives in critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and oral and written language skills. Using a variety of eligibility determinants, identified Scholastic Academy students attend gifted classes along with Gifted students for two years in a "blended" classroom setting in either gifted self-contained or resource classes. During year two, the students are evaluated to determine eligibility to remain in the Gifted program. While a member of the Scholastic Academy, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and exhibit behavior that conforms to standards set by the school and EBRPSS. Transportation follows same guidelines as for Gifted and Talented programs.





SCHOOL PERFORMANCE SCORES

The Louisiana Department of Education recently released 2018 school and district performance scores, but understanding them can be tricky. Now, there's a new school performance score (SPS) formula with raised expectations and more rigorous benchmarks. The new formula rewards the progress students make throughout the year with a new "Progress Letter Grade." The majority (95 percent) of district schools showed growth under the new progress measures to provide further evidence that EBRPSS is closing the achievement gap.

- In both formulas, EBRPSS remains a C, while the state maintained a B. Under the old formula, the district grew by +7.3 from the 2017 public score.
- The district's progress letter grade is a B, as is the state average.
- The district is an A in the Dropout Credit Accumulation Index (DCAI) awarded to middle schools and earned its highest score to date in this area.
- The district earned a B for the strength of diploma index for points earned for Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, and Jump Start Credentials.
- EBRPSS had the largest number of schools in the state that earned the new "Equity Honoree" recognition.

22
DISTRICT SCHOOLS EARNED
Top Gains
HONORS FOR **excellence** IN OVERALL STUDENT PROGRESS FROM ONE SCHOOL YEAR TO THE NEXT

13
DISTRICT SCHOOLS EARNED THE NEW
Equity Honoree
RECOGNITION FOR DEMONSTRATED **excellence** IN EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, ENGLISH LEARNERS AND/ OR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

70%
OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS EARNED A
Progress Letter Grade
OF B OR **higher,** AND 90% OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS EARNED A PROGRESS LETTER GRADE OF C OR HIGHER

U.S. Department of Education: Blue Ribbon Schools Program

Recognizes schools for academic excellence and closing gaps among student groups. ■ ed.gov

Magnet Schools of America: Certified National Magnet School

Certifies that magnet schools are held to the same high standard based on the five pillars of magnet schools (diversity, innovative curriculum and professional development, academic excellence, high quality instructional systems, and family and community partnerships). ■ magnet.edu

U.S. Department of Education: Green Ribbon Schools

Recognizes schools that reduce environmental impact, improve health and wellness, and provide effective education on the environment and sustainability. ■ ed.gov

Louisiana Department of Education: Top Gains Honoree

Recognizes schools that have significantly improved their performance from year to year. ■ louisianabelieves.com

Louisiana Department of Education: Equity Honoree

Recognizes schools that demonstrate excellence in educating students with disabilities, English learners, and/or economically disadvantaged students. ■ louisianabelieves.com













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KINDERGARTEN - FIFTH GRADE







PKS

Audubon Elementary School

10730 Goodwood Boulevard | (225) 272-2620 | Principal: Nakia Perkins







BUILT IN 1967, NESTLED IN A QUIET RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD, AUDUBON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

is home to a diverse population of children. Faculty, staff, and students have enjoyed a long history of positive learning experiences. Audubon Elementary School's traditional and Gifted pre-kindergarten, and Gifted Resource programs in Kindergarten through grade five, offer students a wide variety of enriched academic experiences. In addition, students are able to participate in a myriad of extracurricular offerings including art, music, Spanish, computer lab, an in-house sports program, and Kids' Orchestra. Eager to learn, many students reap the benefits by becoming members of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. Audubon has also been selected as a Junior Beta School of Merit.



passion

2018 Performance Score **B**

2018 Progress Score **A**

BASIS Baton Rouge

7550 McCall Drive | (225) 308-7450 | Principal: Roberto Ramirez

K-4







BASIS is excited to provide Baton Rouge families with the opportunity to experience a truly world-class education.

The school is proud to partner with Woman's Hospital for this first BASIS Curriculum School campus in Baton Rouge. Opened in fall 2018, BASIS currently serves students in Kindergarten through grade four. The primary school program focuses on building organizational and study skills and developing the deep knowledge base necessary for students to tackle the demanding upper school curriculum. BASIS intends to introduce grades five and six into their school by 2021. Latin, general science, and physical geography will be introduced in grade five. Physics, chemistry, and biology will be introduced in grade six.

building study skills



Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts

2040 South Acadian Thruway | (225) 344-0084 | Principal: Candice Hartley

PK-5



BRCVPA is an arts-integrated, free, public magnet school. Students receive an hour of arts instruction daily, including:

MUSIC | VISUAL ARTS | DANCE | DRAMA | PHYSICAL EDUCATION

focused on making thinking visible

All students in K-5 engage in a grade-level theatrical production each school year. Fourth grade students imagine, create, plan, and execute their own original opera. Fifth grade students put on a licensed production each spring, which they share with neighboring schools and the community.

Students leave BRCVPA as confident, articulate problem-solvers. All students at BRCVPA benefit from instruction targeted to various learning styles and have ample opportunities to express themselves academically and creatively.

.com The school's website includes all information parents need.

BRCVPA also has an app, which sends push notifications of school news and important deadlines and dates.

BRCVPA uses the district student management system to send emails and SMS messages to families.

OFFERS TRADITIONAL PRE-K PROGRAM

2018 Performance Score **A**

2018 Progress Score **A**

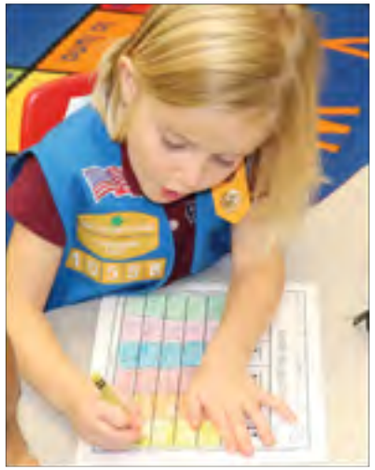
Baton Rouge Foreign Language Academic Immersion Magnet

PK-5

4510 Bawell Street | (225) 343-6630 | Principal: Cheryl G. Miller







academic excellence



Baton Rouge Foreign Language Academic Immersion Magnet (FLAIM) Elementary School provides Spanish, French, and Mandarin immersion classes for Kindergarten through grade five. Through academic immersion, teachers provide instruction in the target language, teaching academic curriculum and a second language simultaneously. At FLAIM, students learn math, science, art, and social studies using French-, Spanish-, or Mandarin-speaking teachers. It has been an overwhelming success. The French government has honored FLAIM with the highly prestigious LaBel Franc Award. A strings program, 4-H, Kids' Orchestra, and Fitness Focus rounds out all that FLAIM has to offer, but the family atmosphere this school is famous for is what bonds students and faculty together for life.

OFFERS PRE-K PROGRAM THAT IS NOT IMMERSION

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
A	A

Belfair Montessori Magnet School

PK-8

4451 Fairfields Avenue | (225) 356-6191 | Principal: Jamar Jackson





Belfair Montessori Magnet School was named a 2018 National Magnet School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America.

Belfair students participate in:

EDUCATION | JAZZ BAND | CHESS CLUB | JR. BETA

Montessori success comes from using self-directed, hands-on learning and collaborative play. Students at Belfair are encouraged to work in groups and individually to explore and learn. This hands-on approach to learning has given children in Belfair in grades pre-kindergarten through eight with a quality education that is both challenging and nurturing. The school works diligently to promote social and emotional skills and physical coordination. This whole child approach to education brings about positive self esteem and the love of learning. Belfair has also been selected as a Junior Beta Club School of Merit.



hands-on learning

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
B	B

Bernard Terrace Elementary School

241 Edison Street | (225) 343-5769 | Principal: Demetric Alexander











Bernard Terrace Elementary School is committed to meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs of its students.

The proud first place winner of the EBR Foundation's STEM Bowl, Bernard Terrace offers an exemplary Gifted program and accelerated classes. In addition, students can participate in ancillary activities such as dance and cheer teams. Girl and Boy Scouts, Girls in Pearls (a leadership program tailored for female students wanting to enhance social, emotional, and academic growth), Young Gentlemen Alliance, and Student Council further assist in providing students with the fortitude and skills needed to follow their moral compass, confidence in their decision making, and character to build a meaningful future. The excellent faculty at Bernard Terrace works tirelessly each day to create unlimited opportunities for all students.

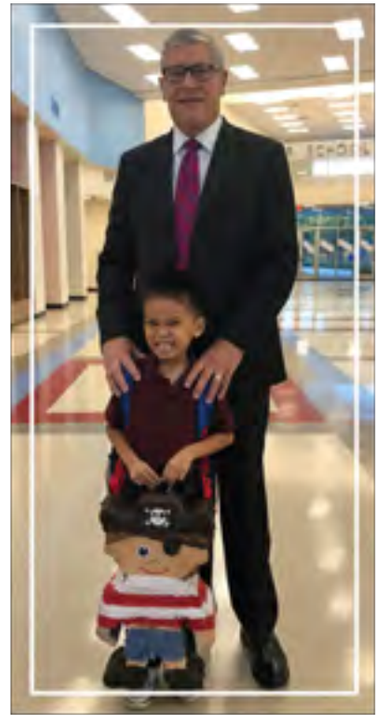
confidence

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B

Broadmoor Elementary School

9650 Goodwood Boulevard | (225) 925-0343 | Principal: Lawrence Harris





Broadmoor Elementary seeks to create a challenging learning environment that encourages high expectations for success through developmentally appropriate instruction that allows for individual differences and learning styles. The school promotes a safe, orderly, caring, and supportive environment. Each student's self-esteem is fostered by positive relationships with other students and staff, and the school strives to have parents, teachers, and community members actively involved in students' learning.

Home to a brand new building, Broadmoor Elementary School spans within an 86,160 square foot building featuring 40 classroom spaces, including traditional education, Exceptional Student Services (ESS), and small group classrooms.



The campus features:

- LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
- OUTDOOR READING PORCH
- COMPUTER LAB
- MUSIC CLASSROOM
- OPEN COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

Committed to educate all students to their maximum potential, Broadmoor faculty and staff work to provide students with the necessary knowledge, skills and values to not only transition to middle school, but also ultimately to become college and career ready.

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B

Brownfields Elementary Magnet School

11615 Ellen Drive | (225) 775-3527 | Principal: Jo Cox







BROWNFIELDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS A SMALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL TUCKED AWAY IN A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD.

There is such a strong family connection that Brownfields had students who returned to the campus years later as certified teachers. Other alumni have returned to share stories of success that can be directly tied to their time at Brownfields. Always "reaching for excellence," Brownfields' vision is to be an A++ school where all stakeholders are engaged in providing a quality education for their children. The Brownfields family is on its way to realizing this vision. Designated by the Louisiana Department of Education as a Top Growth School in 2017 and 2018, the school strives to educate the whole child—academically socially, and emotionally. Programs include Gifted classes, Talented arts programs, library, Spanish, music, and physical education classes. Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) recognizes students exhibiting positive behavior by providing fun activities tied to academics. Chess Club, Girl Scouts, and flag football are also available. Fifth grade students celebrate their completion of elementary school by going on an out-of-state, end-of-year trip to places such as Disney World or Houston.



2018 Performance Score: B

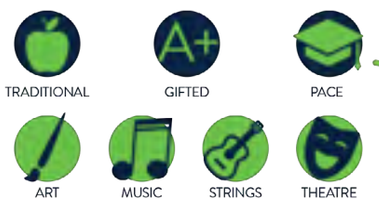
2018 Progress Score: A

Buchanan Elementary School

1222 East Buchanan Street | (225) 343-4585 | Principal: Charlotte Britten



Buchanan Elementary School is a hidden gem in the community. Faculty and staff view their diverse student population as one of the school's biggest strengths and work to develop and celebrate varied talents in each child. The school and its families continue to proudly honor its very long history and Bobcat traditions. Buchanan academic programs include:



a long history with Bobcat traditions

PACE STANDS FOR PROVIDING AN ACCELERATED CURRICULUM EARLY

Each day, students lead the school in reciting the school's mission and pledging to, "Do our best." Students are recognized on their birthdays with an announcement, certificate, and wristband. Each week, positive behavior is celebrated with Students of the Week. Each month, students participate in a student-selected club. Themed months and door decorations are based on character traits.

During the 2017-2018 Beta Club State Competitions, Bobcats participated in the District Day and placed first in Book Battle, T-shirt Design, and Special Talent. They also won third place for Quiz Bowl.

2018 Performance Score: B

2018 Progress Score: A

Capitol Elementary School

4141 Gus Young Avenue | (225) 343-9364 | Principal: Karla Johnson

With a dedicated, decorated staff of professionals and a supportive community, Capitol Elementary is justifiably proud of its reputation as a great example of public education.

STEAM is the model that embodies the culture of the school has become. The school is onboard with a nationwide initiative that creates critical thinkers, increases science literacy, and enables the next generation of innovators. Instead of isolating subjects as separate schools of thought, the highly qualified teachers use a synergistic approach to teaching the STEAM disciplines. Art is incorporated to bring the right brain into traditional scientific thinking and is displayed throughout the school and in after-school assemblies. The school is ecstatic to offer STEAM-related after-school programs that include Kids' Orchestra; a twice monthly STEM Club; "Checkmate!" with Chess Club every Monday after school, open to second through fifth graders who have a basic knowledge of how to play the game; tutoring (at no cost) is available for grades 3-5; Girls on the Run; and Eden Park Acceleration program.





CAPITOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMBINES:

FINE ARTS & SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATHEMATICS



2018 Performance Score: D

2018 Progress Score: A

Cedarcrest-Southmoor Elementary School

10187 Twin Cedars Street | (225) 293-9950 | Principal: Christal Aguillard Sylvain

CEDARCREST-SOUTHMOOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS IN EAST BATON ROUGE.

This great school serves a very diverse population of learners from all over the world. The Blue Jays are also very excited and proud to have been selected as recipients of the ExxonMobil Innovative STEM Program Grant. The school offers both Gifted resource classes and a Scholastic Academy. The Scholastic Academy's daily, hour-long resource class has been purposefully designed to elevate thinking and problem solving skills in preparation for students taking the Gifted and Talented Screening.

Girls on the Run, Junior Beta Club, Gardening Club, and Chess Club work to further develop social, emotional, and academic skills. Cedarcrest-Southmoor is a family affair. Ongoing events such as Fall Festival, Muffins with Moms, and Celebration Station Night strengthen the relationship among school, students, and family.









2018 Performance Score: C

2018 Progress Score: A

Children's Charter School

1143 North Street | (225) 387-9273 | Principal: Latasha Skidmore







Children's Charter Elementary School (CCES) has implemented a variety of programs, each designed to contribute to the overall success of all students. The school recognizes that children possess different learning styles and rates of social and academic development and that learning happens through positive social interaction. For these reasons, CCES staff and teachers meet each student at his or her point of need. Children's Charter utilizes small class size to maximum learning potential, offers a variety of music and visual arts opportunities, recognizes the benefits of physical fitness as it relates to student readiness for learning, and provides ample technology for students to learn in a digital world. The school actively seeks to employ teachers who possess a passion for teaching in an urban setting and then provides them with rigorous professional development designed to enable them to positively affect student social and academic performance. Children's Charter understands that knowing the families is as important as knowing the children and therefore strives for and encourages active parental involvement.



2018 Performance Score: F

2018 Progress Score: C

Claiborne and Howell Park Elementary Schools

4707 Denham Street | (225) 357-9712 | Principal: Rochelle S. Anderson



community

CLAIBORNE AND HOWELL PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BRING NEW MEANING TO THE SAYING THAT "TWO IS BETTER THAN ONE."

Claiborne and Howell Park have seamlessly blended into one location, and the staff and students have become one big family. The school is committed to developing a lifelong love for learning through an arts-integrated curriculum. They believe that success comes when the community gets involved in supporting the education of our children, and because of this, the school invites participation in their popular after-school community outreach tutoring program. They also encourage students to get involved in one of their many extracurricular activities such as Student Council, the R.O.A.R. Reading Café, or the fitness club. The school's mission, in partnership with the community, is to provide authentic learning opportunities through the arts that will allow students to experience the world around them.

2018 Performance Score: D

2018 Progress Score: A

Crestworth Elementary School

11200 Avenue F | (225) 778-1317 | Principal: Joshua Warren, Jr.

EVERYONE AT CRESTWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS FAMILY.











This small, close knit school that serves students in pre-kindergarten through grade five is a place where "ALL students can learn and succeed." Supportive and caring, everyone on staff works together to raise the academic outcomes for their students. High expectations and rigorous implementation of the curriculum both help to prepare Crestworth's students to go out into the world and become successful and independent members of their community. In addition to traditional learners, Crestworth has an outstanding Gifted program.



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
B	A

Delmont Pre-K and Kindergarten Center

5300 Douglas Street | (225) 355-2106 | Principal: Glenda Smith





Delmont Pre-K Center is one of the largest dedicated pre-kindergarten centers in Louisiana, designed to provide an environment in which their students can work toward their potential in all developmental areas. Delmont lives up to its motto of having

"WORLD CLASS STUDENTS AT A WORLD CLASS SCHOOL."

Students pledge to, "Do my best at Delmont Dedicated Pre-K and Kindergarten Center. I will obey school rules, show respect, and be a friend to others." This early childhood center is committed to provide quality education for all children by stimulating learning in a nurturing environment while also empowering families through home intervention. Working together, the Delmont family always strives to instill a love of learning that will last a lifetime while preparing all students to be ready for success at the next level.





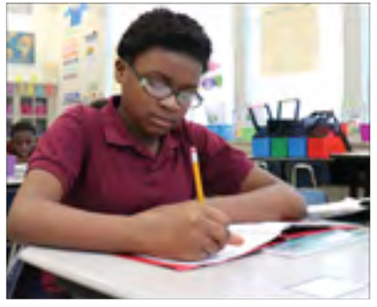
2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	B

Dufrocq School, The

330 South 19th Street | (225) 334-7653 | Principal: Mary Robvais









The Dufrocq School, a Certified Magnet School and Magnet School of Excellence, is committed to educational growth and academic success for all students. Teachers are empowered to work to improve student learning, and they are encouraged to differentiate, as they use innovative strategies and best practices to create successful learning opportunities for students. The Dufrocq School is the only school in East Baton Rouge Parish and the state of Louisiana with MicroSociety as its magnet theme. This 4-Star MicroSociety is a small community established within the school. Students study citizenship, society, economy, government, and business. They work in their own microcosm of the real world as legislators, business owners, bankers, attorneys, community leaders, and peace officers. Students create a constitution, elect officers, establish legislation, and run their society within the school. Students chose to name their community "Crawfish Bayou."

They create a marketplace, establish businesses, vote, serve on juries, shop, pay taxes, and settle disputes in court, which provides a context for real-world curriculum throughout the day.

Teachers serve as facilitators in making sure that student activity is directly connected to state academic requirements, and that learning meets the high academic standards of The Dufrocq School. The Dufrocq School's vision is to prepare students for the demands of the 21st century by offering differentiated, effective, and rigorous curriculum as an entitlement to all. By implementing the school's vision, students will be prepared to function as independent and responsible citizens in their community.

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	B

Emerge School for Autism , The

7784 Innovation Park Drive | (225) 343-4232 | Principal: Leigh Bozard







The Emerge Center empowers children with autism and individuals with communication challenges to achieve independence through innovative and family-centered therapies.

As a non-profit organization, The Emerge Center believes that all students should have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Its model of coordinated and integrated therapies under one roof is unparalleled. Throughout the decades, from Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation and now as The Emerge Center, the center is a leader in the community dedicated to providing access to care to those who need their services.





Forest Heights Academy of Excellence

7447 Sumrall Drive | (225) 355-5681 | Principal: LaDarrion Jackson



Forest Heights Academy of Excellence is an academic magnet school that works to integrate the arts into the curriculum.

The school has gained national recognition as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School and National Certified Magnet School. Administration, grade level faculty, and arts faculty work in collaboration to identify and meet the needs of each student. Incorporating the arts and interdisciplinary projects enables students to express themselves while problem solving and demonstrating learning. In addition to the outstanding academic and arts programs, Forest Heights provides its children with a quality after-care program.



quality

2018 Performance Score: **B**

2018 Progress Score: **C**





Glen Oaks Park Elementary School

5656 Lanier Drive | (225) 356-4521 | Principal: Bernard Williams







At Glen Oaks Park Elementary, the principal, teachers, and staff all have the best interest of their students in mind with everything they do. Home of the Panthers, everyone is committed to reach and teach the whole child. In addition to offering accelerated classes, the school offers rich extended day programs of WhizKids and Lyfe After School.

French, performing arts, and music are also important components of the school day.

As a result, Glen Oaks Park has received a Debose Fine Arts Certification, and 15 students earned the prestigious A1-Delf Certification, indicating the students were at the "discovery" stage in the language and were therefore able to interact and speak about themselves and their immediate environment.



accelerated classes

2018 Performance Score: **C**

2018 Progress Score: **B**

Greenbrier Elementary School

12203 Canterbury Drive | (225) 275-4260 | Principal: Shayla Hollins

Greenbrier Elementary School is a community of excellence.

Home of the Gators, there is always something exciting happening on the newly renovated Greenbrier campus. The school, living up to the Gator motto, is constantly promoting a community of excellence while cultivating academic and artistic experiences. The school works to provide opportunities for enrichment and responsibility. In addition to offering an accelerated program, the school offers visual and performing arts through:

ART DANCE MUSIC







enrichment

2018 Performance Score: D

2018 Progress Score: B



Highland Elementary School

280 Sunset Boulevard | (225) 766-1272 | Principal: Justin Robicheaux





Highland Elementary is a premiere neighborhood school with a rich history of academic excellence.

Follow in the Tiger footprints of the many students who have walked these halls. Each classroom provides its own unique personality, reflecting the nurturing and dedicated teachers who work here. Just a few miles away from LSU, Highland Elementary has a constant presence from volunteers who participate in the Reading Friends program and other volunteer opportunities.

STUDENTS CAN ALSO EXPLORE:

SCIENCE CLUB GARDENING CLUB MUSIC CLASSES COMPUTER LAB

Highland Elementary was a 2017-2018 Top Gains School and was recognized as a Florida Parish Top Growth School in 2018. The staff is unparalleled and strives to make every child feel confident, loved, and prepared for the next step.

confident, loved, and prepared



2018 Performance Score: C

2018 Progress Score: A

IDEA Bridge

1500 North Airway Drive | (225) 963-5910 | Principal: Chloe Wiley

K-7







IDEA BRIDGE PROUDLY SERVES THE PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND STUDENTS OF NORTH BATON ROUGE.

Currently educating children in grades K-4 and 6-7, IDEA Bridge is one of IDEA Southern Louisiana's newest campuses, fostering students on the road to college. Through its unique curriculum and college support model comprised of people, programs, and culture, the school is closing the opportunity gap, increasing levels of achievement, and preparing students from underserved communities for success in college and citizenship.

IDEA Bridge is a part of IDEA Public Schools. IDEA Public Schools believes that each and every child can go to college and be successful.

IDEA Innovation

7800 Innovation Park Drive | (225) 953-7963 | Principal: Deion Brown

K-7





IDEA Innovation is located in South Baton Rouge and is another option for parents in Southern Louisiana. The school fosters students on the road to college. Founded in 2018, the school currently serves 704 students in grades K-3 and grades 6-7. IDEA Public Schools is committed to a vision of College For All Children.

Through its unique curriculum and college support model comprising people, programs, and culture, the school strives to close the opportunity gap and increase levels of achievement by preparing students from underserved communities for success in college and citizenship. At IDEA Innovation, 100 percent of students are college-bound.



Inspire Charter Academy (National Heritage Academy)

5454 North Foster Drive | (225) 356-3936 | Principal: Dr. Nick Nichols

K-8









Success means something different to everybody. At Inspire Charter Academy, it means creating endless opportunities for your child to become his or her best.

Inspire Charter Academy is a National Heritage Academy school. The school and its staff shape instruction to build on the strengths and abilities of each child, teaching the importance of making wise choices and excelling in school. Children at Inspire are equipped to solve life's toughest challenges and come out ahead. Inspire serves students in grades K-8 with an average class size of 26 children.



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B

Jefferson Terrace Elementary School

9902 Cal Road | (225) 293-3210 | Principal: Zane Whittington

K-5



experiences that motivate





At Jefferson Terrace Elementary School, student learning is celebrated.

Everyone believes in their childrens' abilities, and Jefferson Terrace designs learning experiences that motivate the children to learn at the highest levels and expectations. The school is dedicated to having students excel in English/Language Arts, mathematics, science, social studies, technology, and music. The school works to inspire excitement about learning and teaches students to express newly discovered knowledge through a variety of media. Jefferson Terrace is very excited to announce that in 2020, the school will receive a new state of the art building.



JEFFERSON TERRACE OFFERS QUALITY BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE AND AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING.

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	C

J.K. Haynes Charter Inc.

8600 Elm Grove Garden Drive | (225) 774-1311 | Principal: Mary Mason

PK-8







The J.K. Haynes Charter School family works to create a culture of high expectations that motivate their students to succeed in elementary school, high school, and post-secondary education. Serving children in pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten through grade eight, the school is committed to increase the percentage of elementary, middle, and high school students who meet college and career-readiness goals to at least 90 percent, increase the percentage of elementary and middle school students who complete middle school in three years, and increase the percentage of high school students who complete high school in four years to 90 percent.

high expectations



2018 Performance Score: D

2018 Progress Score: B

La Belle Aire Elementary School

12255 Tams Drive | (225) 275-7480 | Principal: Da'Anne Lipscomb

K-5



La Belle Aire is a culturally diverse and inclusive school committed to academic excellence and integrity.

There, the faculty and staff work with families and community to successfully educate all students. Seeking to reach the students' highest potentials, La Belle Aire offers Kindergarten Dual Language Immersion Classes and English as a Second Language (ESL) Welcome Classes. Students are able to express creativity through an art club, learn discipline on the track team, and model respect through the Manners of the Heart social-emotional learning skills program. La Belle Aire is proud to have a 2016 Manners of the Heart Teacher of the Year and to have been named the 2017 Manners of the Heart School of the Year.



reaching students' highest potentials

2018 Performance Score: D

2018 Progress Score: B

LaSalle Elementary School

8000 LaSalle Avenue | (225) 927-6130 | Principal: Lontarris A. Williams







exciting and educational

With the top teachers, students, and leadership team to get the job done, LaSalle Elementary lives up to the school's goal to "Maintain high expectations and promote academic excellence for all students with set forth state standards."

2018 Performance Score: C

2018 Progress Score: B

In addition to parent support through the Tiger Cub PTO, LaSalle has active community partners including Starmount UNUM, State Farm, Istrouma Baptist Church, Grace Life Fellowship, Orangetheory, LSU, Professional Athletes Supporting Students (PASS), and Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS). LaSalle received a School Grounds Award (2016-2017), Starmount & UNUM grant for $1,000 (2018), Orangetheory grant, and LSU AgCenter Grant. Gifted, Great Scholars, and Hearing Impaired Programs help meet the individual needs of students. Exciting in-school and after-school programs such as Kids' Orchestra, Spanish Club, YMCA School Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, Choir, and a STEM initiative round out a very exciting and educational school day.

Magnolia Woods Elementary School

760 Maxine Drive | (225) 769-6845 | Principal: Kim DiPalma







challenging curriculum



Magnolia Woods Elementary is a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) School with a designated STEM teacher. All students in grades kindergarten through grade five have weekly STEM classes. One class per grade level is comprised of higher performing students who follow a more challenging grade-level curriculum. Students in these accelerated classes embed the STEM design process throughout the curriculum, allowing for increased project-based and problem-solving learning opportunities. A school learning garden is now a reality thanks to the campus-wide STEM program and the dedicated neighborhood civic association members who have partnered with Magnolia Woods. The school is excited to announce that two teachers were awarded an ExxonMobil STEM grant to integrate STEM into physical education classes. Creativity comes to Magnolia Woods students in the form of strong choir, strings, and art curriculums. Third, fourth, and fifth graders have been chosen to perform with the EBR Parish elementary choir. A strings teacher works with students on a weekly basis, and students have the opportunity to participate in Kids' Orchestra. Boys and Girls Club hosts an after-school care program and summer camp. Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) members share their time-building academic and relationship skills as Reading Friends and Math Buddies.



2018 Performance Score: C

2018 Progress Score: A

Mayfair Laboratory School

9880 Hyacinth Avenue | (225) 761-7849 | Principal: Christa Leon

K-8









Mayfair Lab School is a rigorous college-prep, technology-infused program centered on the principle that every student will be exposed to academically challenging and dynamic learning activities designed to ultimately develop skills to succeed in college and career.

Developed in partnership with LSU Laboratory School, Mayfair is a K-8 academic magnet school emphasizing environmental studies through its ecoSTEM theme. Mayfair highlights the two teacher model in grades kindergarten through grade five and small class sizes in middle school. The middle school focuses on the four main content areas while offering electives in the STEM pathways.

The focus on environmental studies teaches students about reduced environmental impact and cost, improved health and wellness, and effective environmental and sustainable education. The school believe that a strong basis in STEM education will give students the necessary skills required to contribute to and interact effectively within a global society.

The school offers high school credit courses in middle school, FIRST LEGO League, FIRST Tech Challenge Team, extended morning and afternoon programs, video production, digital media, broadcasting technology, infused classrooms, and makerspace in the library/media center. They also offer in-school clubs for grades 4-8, DUKE Talent Identification Program for grades 4-7, and school-wide thematic days such as Traditional Literature Festival. An active PTA hosts events throughout the year, helping the school act as one family.

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
A	A

Melrose Elementary School

1348 Valcour Drive | (225) 926-2353 | Principal: Olga A. Pack

K-5







A Top Gains School in 2013, Melrose Elementary School faculty and staff are committed to prepare all students to achieve excellence academically, culturally, and socially.

Home of the Bulldogs, the school is dedicated to providing the best possible learning experiences, in an authentic learning environment. Melrose holds high expectations of the entire school family. The team of students, teachers, parents, and community members work together to teach, learn, and encourage students to be the best they can be. The school is taking tremendous steps to close the achievement gap, earning an A letter grade in progress.



MELROSE IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE YMCA FOR EXTENDED DAY AND WITH CITY YEAR, AND BE ABLE TO OFFER BOYS' BASKETBALL AND GIRLS ON THE RUN.

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	A

Merrydale Elementary School

6700 Rio Drive | (225) 355-0346 | Principal: Sherna Lumar

K-5

Set in the heart of a residential neighborhood, parents affectionately refer to Merrydale Elementary School as "Rio Drive Elementary"—its street location. With gifted classes available for Kindergarten through grade five, Merrydale also offers a wide selection of ancillary courses including music, art, and drama. In music, students learn how to use their voices correctly to sing melodious sounds and play instruments used in school performances. In art, students master techniques used to create original art pieces that adorn the school campus. To increase critical thinking skills, students are challenged to transfer content class learning to dramatic skits. Engagement opportunities include Garden Club, Let Me Run, and Girls on the Run. Many of the girls work hard to earn a spot in the popular Girls with Pearls Run, which focuses on self esteem, etiquette, and social skills. Recently, Merrydale was featured on the local news for its implementation of Manners of the Heart, a social skills program that promotes manners and social skills among children.

MERRYDALE OFFERS:

MUSIC ART DRAMA





promotes manners and social skills



2018 Performance Score: D

2018 Progress Score: B

Northeast Elementary School

13801 Pride Port Hudson Road | (225) 654-5113 | Principal: Dr. Janet Shows

PK-6





MOVING EVERY STUDENT FORWARD IS HOW NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APPROACHES EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY.

Challenging and engaging lessons and high expectations have always been the norm for students and staff at Northeast Elementary School. In 2006, the Louisiana Department of Education selected Northeast as a School of Exemplary Academic Growth, and in 1994, the U.S. Department of Education chose the school as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School. Northeast Elementary School educates students in pre-kindergarten through grade six. The school offers Gifted classes, Scholastic Academy Resource classes, and Manship Theater Arts classes. In addition to after school tutoring, students can participate in:



6TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL & 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL

2018 Performance Score: C

2018 Progress Score: A

Park Elementary School

2700 Fuqua Drive | (225) 344-2145 | Principal: Stephanie M. Tate



Park Elementary School strives to educate each child in a learning environment that nurtures social, emotional, and intellectual growth.

The school is committed to meet the needs of the whole child. A school-based social worker, use of restorative practices, and a state-of-the-art fitness center open to school and its community allows them to provide for social and emotional needs. A partnership with Discovery Education helps to solidify Park Elementary as one of only two schools in Louisiana identified as a true Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) school. The new Park Elementary School site is currently under construction and will incorporate dynamic 21st century learning techniques.



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ART MATHEMATICS

2018 Performance Score: F

2018 Progress Score: B

Park Forest Elementary School

10717 Elain Drive | (225) 272-0814 | Rosalind Wright







At Park Forest Elementary School, the mission is to inspire and support students while striving for excellence in academic, social, and character development. The school is committed to cultivating a data-driven, interactive community of learners that will achieve academic proficiency and character development. Providing an interactive, project-based learning environment finds students actively engaged in learning. By bringing SmartLab, a Music and Broadcasting Studio, Mac Lab, and 3D Animation programs into the school, students have become creative, innovative, and highly engaged in learning.



inspire and support students

2018 Performance Score: D

2018 Progress Score: B

Parkview Elementary School

5660 Parkforest Drive | (225) 753-5615 | Principal: Carla Parks

Parkview Elementary School offers traditional, self-contained Gifted, Gifted resource classes, and Talented art, drama, and music.

Every classroom is equipped with activeboards and wireless Internet access. Students in grades three, four, and five all have their own Chromebook for 1:1 technology. The school also provides high quality before- and after-care programs. Teachers and staff use Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) to promote a positive and safe environment. Students celebrate their own positive behavior by eagerly earning BEE bucks, leading to monthly PBIS-specific activities. Ancillary activities include the Define, Assess, Respond, Evaluate (DARE) program (grade five) and Panther Choir (grades three-five). The dedicated PE coaches offer recess soccer and AG Football Club (grades three-five), which culminates in a World Cup Championship game and Super Bowl game. Parkview Parent Teacher Organization works tirelessly to help the school raise funds for important materials, including raising funds needed to buy and install the activeboards. Parkview students also give back through their Annual Spring Fling, Panther Prowl Fun Walk, student talent show, Mums for Moms, Donuts for Dads, and grandparents week luncheon.





Several of the dedicated teachers have been EBR district-level Teachers of the Year. Parkview was awarded the prestigious 2014 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and has been rated as an A School by the Louisiana Department of Education for more than a decade. Parkview students have received several recognitions for exemplary academic growth.



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
A	A

Progress Elementary School

855 Progress Road | (225) 775-4986 | Principal: LaShawn Stewart







"BELIEVE TO ACHIEVE"

is the motto everyone at Progress Elementary School lives by. A Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) school, Progress is committed to empower each student with global awareness, knowledge, skills, and values necessary to make a better world. Students learn problem solving and critical thinking skills through exploration and hands-on activities, and experience extracurricular activities through clubs, choir, and soccer programs. Working with students and families, the school provides a program of educational excellence that encourages all students to develop to their fullest potential.





2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B

Riveroaks Elementary School

950 Fountainbleau Drive | (225) 275-4600 | Principal: Erica Aguillard

Riveroaks Elementary School pledges to "Develop Excellence And Greater Learning for Every Student!"

The school provides a foundation of exceptional academic excellence through a rigorous college and career preparatory curriculum in a multicultural, safe, and caring environment. At Riveroaks, students learn in a warm and supportive climate where each child can learn, grow, and develop every day. An array of languages, including Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, and English flavor the environment as students and staff work together to meet their goals. Afterschool clubs and extracurricular activities such as cheer, technology, art, music, soccer, STEM, Junior Beta, and Student Government help children build their skills outside of the classroom while opening up their minds to new interests and views.

CHEER TECHNOLOGY ART MUSIC SOCCER







multicultural



2018 Performance Score **C**

2018 Progress Score **A**

Ryan Elementary School

10337 Elm Grove Garden Drive | (225) 775-2407 | Principal: Dr. Melvin Hollins





At Ryan Elementary, the focus is success. Serving pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students, Ryan Elementary offers avenues for all children to shine. The school prides itself on being a National Blue Ribbon School award winner. All teachers and staff at Ryan Elementary greet students with warmth and compassion daily to help create a nurturing learning environment. The school also offers Gifted and Talented classes to complement their strong, traditional academic instruction. Students can express themselves in a variety of fine arts programs and extracurricular activities like Kids' Orchestra, drama, dance, cheer, and soccer. The Ryan Elementary motto is:

"EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY, WHATEVER IT TAKES—WE WANT TO SEE YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT RYAN ELEMENTARY."



2018 Performance Score **C**

2018 Progress Score **A**

Sharon Hills Elementary School

6450 Guynell Drive | (225) 355-6522 | Principal: Angela D. Sims





Sharon Hills Elementary School, home of the Hawks, provides high-quality instruction in core subjects and ancillary classes. In addition, Sharon Hills offers Manners of the Heart curriculum, a Gardening Club, Dance and Cheer Club, and Intramural Sports. The school works in partnership with BREC for high-quality after-school care and has a Girl Scout Troop. The school is the proud recipient of a Makerspace grant and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) grant. Sharon Hills is progressing at a rapid rate and making strides towards narrowing the achievement gap.



2018 Performance Score: D

2018 Progress Score: A

Shenandoah Elementary School

16555 Appomattox Avenue | (225) 753-3560 | Principal: Amy Butler





Shenandoah Elementary School teaches their students to always be their B.E.S.T.: Be respectful and responsible, extraordinary, safe, and tolerant.

Self-contained Gifted classes and Gifted resource classes for grades kindergarten through grade five, STEM and Destination Imagination programs, 1:1 device ratio for upper grades, and smart boards in all classrooms all add to the superb learning environment at Shenandoah. Students perform in outstanding musical productions, dig into creative gardening and other lessons in their outdoor classroom, lunch and learn outdoors, collecting data from their weather station, monthly Fun Family Night, an annual Spring Carnival, reading and math buddies, Manners of the Heart, and School Spirit Friday all help to make this U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence worthy of the title. String classes, drama, cultural arts, Girls on the Run club, and a variety of sports instruction through the P.E. Department make for an exceptionally well-rounded school program with a dedicated staff.

extraordinary





2018 Performance Score: B

2018 Progress Score: A

South Baton Rouge Charter Academy

9211 Parkway Drive | (225) 349-7489 | Principal: Yolanda Burnette-Rodger

PK-8







South Baton Rouge Charter Academy is a tuition-free public charter school educating students in grades pre-kindergarten through grade eight who reside in Louisiana.

In addition to before-and-after care, the school offers personalized learning plans based on periodic assessments. South Baton Rouge understands the importance of parental involvement. The school offers access to PowerSchool's Student Information System—a password-protected, computer-based system that enables parents to monitor test scores, homework, and attendance on a daily basis. Parents are also welcomed to volunteer at the school. Character development remains a top priority alongside the rigorous academics offered here.

personalized learning



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B

Southdowns School

2050 Hood Avenue | (225) 346-1127 | Principal: Mary Sue Slack

PK-K



SOUTHDOWNS IS A PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN CENTER THAT DEDICATES ITSELF TO EDUCATING YOUNG CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

The faculty and staff of Southdowns work together to provide a quality preschool education in a nurturing and safe environment to prepare students for the future. From circle time and group learning to story time, PE, and outdoor activities, Southdowns loves children and loves learning. The center offers an inclusive environment for all young children to learn and grow.







2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
B	A

Twin Oaks Elementary School

819 Trammell Drive | (225) 275-6620 | Principal: Cesar A. Rico







Twin Oaks Elementary, home of the Mighty Tigers, is paving the road to success.

At Twin Oaks, they are committed to providing a learning climate that fosters an instructional program that will meet the academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of all students, so that students can become productive and effective citizens. Twin Oaks is an EBRPSS AdvancED Accredited School and Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) School. The commitment to the students' success is supported by the unified efforts of parents, students, school, and community partnerships. This incredible school looks forward to continuing its commitment to the formation and academic success of its students. The faculty and staff work hard to help every child strive for success in all that they do. At Twin Oaks, everyone works as a family and team, and strives to be a high academic and character school.

productive and effective



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	C

University Terrace Elementary School

575 West Roosevelt Street | (225) 387-2328 | Principal: Dr. Veronica Sanders



University Terrace Elementary School invites a community atmosphere and beautiful surroundings in a positive learning environment. Its slogan is to

Be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn!

The strong academic tradition of high-quality values, enriched teaching, and learning works to maximize every learning opportunity and positively shape the students' future. Serving pre-kindergarten through grade five, University Terrace does this through its powerful academic program and other activities such as Girls on the Run. University Terrace is the proud recipient of the 2018 DuBose Foundation Art Award for Elementary Students.







2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	B

Villa del Rey Elementary School

9765 Cuyhanga Parkway | (225) 924-1606 | Principal: Dr. Joy Abernathy-Dyer





Villa del Rey is a part of the EBR Magnet School Program with an outstanding pre-kindergarten–four program and extended day program. It is an innovative school that offers both a Smart Lab for Engineering and Technology Science and a Math Lab. In addition, there is an exciting kindergarten through grade five robotics curriculum and elementary coding. Students express themselves through VDR Tigerettes Dance Team, robotics competition team, 4-H Club, chess team, drama club, and Videography Visual Arts. Villa del Rey includes community studies, problem-based learning, investigative field trips. With 3D printing and design capability, Villa del Rey faculty includes two STEM Fellows and five Google Certified Instructors.

VILLA DEL REY OFFERS:

DANCE TEAM | CHESS TEAM | DRAMA CLUB | 4-H CLUB | VIDEOGRAPHY | ROBOTICS

students express themselves



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B

Wedgewood Elementary School

2330 Aspenwood Drive | (225) 753-7301 | Principal: Brandy Williams

LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTION OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, WEDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

is situated in a large community setting surrounded by a supportive neighborhood and local business partners. Dedicated, hard working, highly qualified, and experienced teachers instruct students in both regular and special education programs. Their goal is to enrich each and every learner socially and academically. In fall 2007, the Gifted and Scholastic Academy was added. These classes offer a higher degree of complexity that goes beyond the traditional classroom curriculum.

Students also participate in:

CHEERLEADING | CHOIR CLUB | CHESS CLUB











"Together, everyone achieves more."

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B

Westdale Heights Academic Magnet School

2000 College Drive | (225) 926-5421 | Principal: Catasha Edwards



Westdale Heights Academic Magnet (WHAM) is a nationally certified academic magnet school with a focus on environmental science, math, and technology. Hands-on experiences in the science lab and school gardens allow students to become environmental scientists, exploring ways to solve real-world problems. Students have access to classroom computers, ActivPanels, computer lab, and 1:1 technology including Chromebooks and iPads. Technology integration experiences are enhanced through robotics, coding, STEM lab, Makerspace, and Destination Imagination. The school also has Girl and Boy Scout Troops, soccer, Kids' Orchestra, robotics, and gardening. WHAM is a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School and Blue Ribbon School, Magnet Schools of America Nationally Certified Magnet School, Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction, and a Louisiana Department of Education Top Growth School.







2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
A	A

Westminster Elementary School

8935 Westminster Drive | (225) 927-2930 | Principal: Richard B. Rattliffe, Jr.



The Westminster Elementary School Wildcats maintain a clear focus on academic learning.

Instruction includes Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) hands-on and minds-on lessons that prepare the students both academically and for future careers. In addition, the Westminster family enjoys participation in ancillary programs, band, and dance team. The Young Men of Character program is designed to showcase positive African-American roles and further supports and enlightens young male students. Character development remains a top priority alongside rigorous academics.





hands-on and minds-on

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B

White Hills Elementary School

5300 Bentley Drive | (225) 775-5891 | Principal: Dawn Brewster

WHITE HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE IS A LEARNER.

Working collaboratively and cooperatively, faculty and staff work to create a caring and nurturing environment where a diverse student body learns to their highest potential. A rigorous academic program and a variety of enrichment opportunities are geared to motivate and excite student learning. Special programs include monthly field trips to Art Works for all students, and monthly field trips to Knock Knock Children's Museum for students in Kindergarten through grade one. All students also participate in monthly art lessons at the LSU Art Museum at the Shaw Center. Twice per month, students meet in teams consisting of kindergarten through grade five. These teams earn weekly points based on excellence in behavior and academics. Teams compete for field trip rewards. Enrollment at White Hills continues to climb as families learn about the caring, conscientious, and excellent educators who call White Hills their school.







motivate and excite

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B

Wildwood Elementary School

444 Halfway Tree Road | (225) 766-6002 | Principal: Candice Meyers







The Wildwood family believes their purpose to produce self-directed lifelong learners by engaging students through varied, meaningful, and challenging learning opportunities. The school has Gifted resource and Gifted self-contained classes; Talented music, art, and drama programs; string music lessons for grades three through five; a Spanish-English Dual Language Immersion Program; and STEM activities. A " Leader in Me" school, this whole-school transformation process teaches 21st century leadership and life skills and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader.





2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	B

Winbourne Elementary School

4503 Winbourne Avenue | (225) 355-4446 | Principal: Pennie Brisco



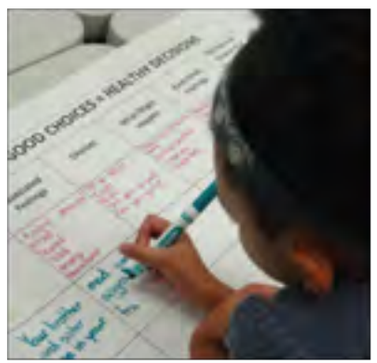
WINBOURNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS SOARING TO SUCCESS, BECOMING THE BEST OF THE BEST!

Committed to providing an environment that is safe and conducive to learning, their goal is to meet the academic and social needs of all students. Winbourne Elementary School is one of two East Baton Rouge Parish Schools to have a state-of-the-art piano lab. The piano lab was the idea of Raph O'neill of O'Neill's Music House, Inc. O'Neill wanted to afford all students the opportunity to learn to play the piano. He partnered with Yahama to provide the school with 16 piano keyboards.



soaring to success!

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	B





Woodlawn Elementary School

8160 Antioch Road | (225) 756-3681 | Principal: Janice Lindsey





Woodlawn Elementary School, home of the Wildcats, is committed to academic excellence. The school offers a Gifted Resource program, Scholastic Academy programs, and an English Language Learners (ELL) program. Students succeed by incorporating a variety of resources into their instructional day. Included is 1:1 Technology via Chromebooks (grades 3-5), a Computer Lab, Eureka Math/Zearn, and an Accelerated Reader program. The school expands learning opportunities through an extended day program, Makerspace in the library, and open access media center. Woodlawn Elementary also provides its students with social and emotional support through Manners of the Heart, Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS), I CARE, and its Student Council and Ambassadors. Ancillary programs such as Cardio Cubs, Strings and Music Arts, and Kids Beach Club compliments the academic rigors. All of what Woodlawn Elementary does is paying off. The school has earned an Excellence in Early Childhood Rating (2016-present), Outstanding Top Growth Progress LEAP 2025 (2017-2018), Manners of the Heart School (2017-2018), and Capital Area Reading Council Young Author's Awards (2010-present). Students have been selected as EBR Student of the Year finalists (2014-present) and several teachers are National Board Certified.



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
B	A

Eden Park Superintendent Academy

1650 North Acadian Thruway | (225) 387-5224 | Principal: Karla Johnson



AT EDEN PARK SUPERINTENDENT ACADEMY, THE MOTTO IS "ONE TEAM, ONE MISSION. BELIEVE TO ACHIEVE."

The school serves children in grades Kindergarten through fifth. Eden Park is committed to strengthening the social, personal, and academic capacities within students. Students become independent learners and engaged scholars who accelerate with NO excuses each day, because failure is NOT an option. With a low student-to-teacher ratio, teachers are able to connect and work with students in an environment that benefits each student. Alongside academics, students can participate in: clubs, music, visual arts, STEM, and school community organizations.



ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	C

independent

















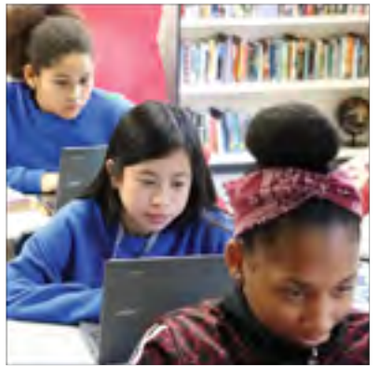


middle SCHOOLS

SIXTH - EIGHTH GRADE







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Broadmoor Middle School

1225 Sharp Road | (225) 272-0540 | Principal: Daniel B. Edwards



THE BROADMOOR MIDDLE BUCCANEERS HAVE THEIR SIGHTS SET ON SUCCESS.

Working collaboratively, students, parents, educators, staff, and community members have joined forces to prepare students to perform their best academically and personally. Putting academics, attendance, and attitude first, students attending Broadmoor receive a traditional education with several opportunities to earn high school credits. High school courses include Algebra I, Journey to Careers, keyboarding, and family and consumer sciences. The Buccaneers can also opt to participate in a variety of sports activities and clubs.



academics, attendance, and attitude

2018 Performance Score: F

2018 Progress Score: C

Brookstown Middle Magnet Academy

4375 East Brookstown Drive | (225) 229-6569 | Principal: James Smith, Sr.

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Brookstown Middle School's intimate classroom settings and great family atmosphere provide students the opportunity to excel academically. The cutting-edge aquaponics and hydroponics program is a perfect teaching tool for core STEM subjects such as math, biology, chemistry, and engineering. And the program has spawned meaningful community partnerships, collaboration, and support from Tony's Seafood and LSU Wildlife and Fisheries. Brookstown is the first place recipient of the Louisiana Partnership with ExxonMobil's Green School Challenge, and the school received a $26,000 grant from the NFL.



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	D

6-8

CSAL Charter Middle School

1555 Madison Avenue | (225) 336-1410 | Principal: Darcy Franklin





CSAL IS A WONDERFUL PLACE FOR STUDENTS FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS TO GROW EDUCATIONALLY, GET INVOLVED, AND A HAVE A MEANINGFUL MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.

Community School for Apprenticeship Learning (CSAL) Charter Middle School serves students in grades six through eight. CSAL was authorized to operate by the East Baton Rouge Parish School System in January 1997. Many of the original 84 students had been unsuccessful in larger school settings. CSAL Middle has worked to become one of the top performing middle schools in the city. Students can participate in academics, art, drama, law, and a yearbook class. Available sports include football, volleyball, cheerleading, girls' and boys' basketball, and a National Junior Honor Society. The Wolverines were the 2018 East Baton Rouge Parish volleyball champions.





meaningful

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	B

Capitol Middle School

5100 Greenwell Springs Road | (225) 231-9292 | Principal: Viola Jackson

6-8







Capitol Middle School is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment that fosters rigorous learning while also promoting the individual creative spirit in each student. Administration, faculty, and staff realize children are the future and strive to provide all the tools necessary for a successful life for each student. Capitol offers high school credited Algebra I, family consumer science, and Journey to Careers. The school has a National Junior Beta Club and Capitol Middle Magnet Cougarettes Dance Team. The Gaming and Animation Program incorporates a curriculum using science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills to promote critical thinking and to enhance problem-solving literacy in a project-oriented setting. The goals of the program are to help the students develop flexible knowledge, effective problem-solving skills, self-directed learning, effective collaboration skills, and intrinsic motivation. Students will also learn about the principles of marketing including defining, designing, and creating a model to promote their projects. The web design course will teach students the foundation and fundamental concepts of web design by creating a website using the techniques of designing and creating stunning websites using industry-based programs.

JR. BETA | DANCE TEAM | GAMING AND ANIMATION | WEB DESIGN





2018 Performance Score: F

2018 Progress Score: C

Glasgow Middle School

1676 Glasgow Avenue | (225) 925-2942 | Principal: Erin Howard

6-8









THIS SMALL MIDDLE SCHOOL NESTLED IN A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD BRINGS WITH IT A WIDE VARIETY OF ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES.

Glasgow Middle School offers Gifted; Scholastic Academy; Great Scholars; Advanced Traditional, and Talented art; music; and drama programs. Principal Howard tells her students daily they are the best middle school in the parish because that is their goal: to be the best! In addition to monthly club days, there are ongoing Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) competitions and rewards, annual Fall Fest, and Spirit Week. Students can participate in football, basketball, volleyball, softball, cricket, soccer, and track. Glasgow was selected as the top school at the Louisiana Science Fair for seven consecutive years. The school boasts three (of four) members of the state Mathcounts Team who competed at the national competition in Washington D.C. Ms. Geeta Dave (Talented Visual Art Teacher) was selected as a 2018 Golden Educator Resident in which she participated in a two-week painting residency in upstate New York and will be participating in a group exhibition at The Painting Center in New York City. In July 2018, *The Classical Outlook*, a journal for teachers of Latin and Greek, published a paper written by teacher Ms. Nathalie Roy that centers on her Roman Technology class.



2018 Performance Score: C

2018 Progress Score: B

McKinley Middle Academic Magnet School

1550 Eddie Robinson Senior Drive | (225) 388-0089 | Principal: Dr. Tongelia Rowan

6-8





McKinley Middle Academic Magnet is a high-performing, A-rated, dedicated Academic Magnet School with a focus on Visual and Performing Arts. The school is meeting its mission to challenge students both intellectually and artistically to become responsible citizens who will make valuable contributions to society. McKinley has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School and has received the titles of Magnet School of Excellence and Magnet School of Distinction from Magnet Schools of America. McKinley is proud to offer students unique learning opportunities through advanced academics as well as arts integration across the curriculum. Students can perform on stage in the school's state-of-the-art auditorium or black box theatre or can opt to become scenic designers or sculptors. Students also have the opportunity to take their education abroad in the school's annual national and international travel experiences. McKinley provides a one-of-a-kind middle school experience while preparing students for high school and beyond.



one-of-a-kind

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
B	B

North Banks Middle School of Excellence

5959 Cadillac Street | (225) 357-3371 | Principal: Beverly Tate

6-8







A true neighborhood school, North Banks Middle School aims to provide programs to meet the varied needs, interests, and abilities of its sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and is designed to ease their transition from elementary to middle school and middle school to high school. The school is housed on a newly renovated campus and boasts small classes and a teacher-to-student ratio of 1:12.

Students are also able to receive academic tutoring and academic enrichment in a fun and formative Big Buddy after-school tutoring program.



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	C

Park Forest Middle School

6-8

3760 Aletha Drive | (225) 275-6650 | Principal: Curtis M. Walker

Park Forest Middle School has recently added an exciting new STEAM Magnet component that includes animation, coding, robotics, renewable energy, entertainment technology, and engineering. The new Creative Sciences and Arts courses will guide students' inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking in an educational environment where students are challenged, excellence is expected, and diversity is valued. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) instructional focus is school-wide. Each thematic component is designed to get students excited about science, technology, the arts, and mathematics, all of which flow into the study of engineering through the design process. Home of the Mighty Raiders, the Park Forest Choir received a first place at the National Association of Music Educators (NAME), and the Band was a first place recipient of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation: Class Got Brass contest. The school's outstanding ancillary opportunities include Boys & Girls Club, Raiders Who Code Club, Junior ROTC Program, football, volleyball, basketball, softball, and track athletics.





excellence is expected

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	C



Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Magnet Academy

6-8

9147 Elm Grove Garden Drive | (225) 775-0776 | Principal: Shalika Scott





Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Magnet Academy offers strong preparation in math and science designed to develop students for future careers in engineering.

Through exciting project-based, hands-on experiences and problem solving techniques; students learn to think critically and gain a foundation in engineering. Committed to "Cultivating the Art of Engineering Excellence," students receive real world experience through 21st century courses such as audio engineering, Project Lead the Way (PLTW), green agriculture design, and marine robotics. Competing regionally and nationally with other STEAM schools, Scotlandville students have placed first in the Future City Regional Competition for two consecutive years and nationally in Washington D.C.; placed third at the Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle Competition in Dauphin Island, Alabama; received the Most Creative Seaperch Award for two years; and received the Project Award from FIRST LEGO League. Scotlandville's robotics teacher received the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce Excellent Teacher Award. One of only 38 schools nationally, Scotlandville Pre-Engineering is a nationally certified magnet school and was honored to receive the Magnet School of Distinction Award for two consecutive years. School pride also extends to ancillary programs in which dancers received honors including the Apollo Theatre for Showcased Talent recognition, Outstanding Performance at Disney World, Universal Dance Association first and second place honors, New Orleans Pelicans Dance Competition honors, and second and third place honors at the Pancake Festival. The choir received first and second place honors at that same festival. Students have participated in the Greater Baton Rouge Honor Band and performed in the DeBose Festival for the Arts. A student was a recipient of the Ernest Gaines Award for Literary Excellence.



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	C

Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet School

1020 Marlbrook Drive | (225) 272-3090 | Principal: Jamie Noel

6-8











Sherwood Middle School is "Where excellence is the standard."

The magnet theme is high school preparatory and college/career readiness. Sherwood provides students with the unique opportunity to build a solid foundation for high school by offering an advanced curriculum with multiple high school credit classes and rigorous electives that help introduce students to future career path options. High school courses include Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, physical science, world geography, multimedia productions, keyboarding, digital media arts, French I and II, Spanish I and II, and Latin I. Sherwood has much to be proud of. The school was a 2015 Top 25 National Model School; 2017 EBRPSS Principal of the Year and Louisiana semifinalist; Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; National Magnet School of Distinction in 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017; National Magnet School of Excellence in 2011, 2012, and 2014; and is a Recognized ASCA Model Program School. A myriad of unique and interesting elective courses are available for students including forensic science, pre-law drama, robotics, marine science, male chorus, advanced movement and dance, advanced ballet, video editing, art, band, piano, orchestra, choir, PE, and yearbook. Sherwood has a wide variety of extracurricular choices. Included are 4-H, youth legislature, Junior Beta, National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, Debate, Young Astronauts, Total Techies, Yoga, Fashion Design, Motion Pictures, Zumba, Future Starts, Ukulele, Lego Architecture, Bon Appetit, and Teens Going Green. Students are also able to participate in track and field, cheer, soccer, basketball, volleyball, swim, and dance.

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
A	A

Southeast Middle Magnet School

15000 South Harrell's Ferry Road | (225) 753-5930 | Principal: Amber Boyd

6-8







SOUTHEAST MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL HAS A PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY FOR EVERY STUDENT.

From the Digital Arts Technology Academy and magnet programs to traditional and advanced classes, all students have the opportunity to leave Southeast with up to three high school credits including Algebra I and Pre-AP Springboard Courses (English Language Arts classes). Each year, students are involved in at least one of the over 50 available student clubs that include broadcasting, production, radio station, robotics, agriculture, and school gardens. Sports include:

FOOTBALL VOLLEYBALL BASKETBALL SOFTBALL TRACK CHEERLEADING

Southeast is proud to have had a finalist for the EBR 2018 Teacher of the Year, and to have been selected as a 2018 Magnet School of America, 2018 Wyland Foundation National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation winner, first place winner in the 2018 Global Student Voice Film Festival (middle grades division), Most Inspiring Film in the 2018 American Youth Film Festival, 2018 District Champion (undefeated) in boys' and girls' basketball, and 2018 Parish Tournament Champions in girls' basketball.



2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	B

Westdale Middle School

5650 Claycut Road | (225) 924-1308 | Principal: Brian Foreman

6-8







Westdale Middle School is a premier middle school located in the heart of Baton Rouge. Instructional programs include traditional; Gifted; Great Scholars Academy; Talented theater; music and visual arts programs; Scholastic Academy; and internationally recognized Language (French and Spanish) Immersion Magnet program. STEM courses include forensic science, robotics, astronomy, engineering, and multimedia productions. While attending Westdale, students have the opportunity to earn many high school credits. Westdale has an exceptional Strings, Band, and Choir programs, as well as a variety of high performing sport teams. Included are volleyball, football, basketball, swim, softball, soccer, and track and field. In fact, the school boasts eight consecutive volleyball champions, two football champions, three consecutive boys track champions, and two girl track champions. Extracurricular activities include Science Olympiad, Destination Imagination, FIRST LEGO robotic league, Beta Club, BEAUTIFUL Girls, Debate Club, African American History, and Quiz Bowl Team. The fun doesn't stop there, this school also offers a drone class!

opportunity



2018 Performance Score: C

2018 Progress Score: B

6-8

Woodlawn Middle School

14939 Tiger Bend Road | (225) 751-0436 | Principal: Raquel Brown





Woodlawn Middle School is one of the kindest schools you will ever visit. In fact, the school has participated in the Great Kindness Challenge and has been a Kindness Certified school for four years. Here you will find Gifted, Great Scholar, and magnet students working to excel. In 2017-2018, its Student of the Year was selected as a finalist for Louisiana, and the entire school was named a National Beta School of Distinction. For 2017-2018, 90 percent of students who took high school credited Algebra I scored mastery or advanced on the (End of Course assessment) EOC, 80 percent scored mastery or advanced on the geometry EOC, and four of the seventh grade students who participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program qualified for State Recognition. In 2017, three students qualified for State Recognition, and two students qualified for Grand Recognition. Strings students have scored numerous superiors at the Solo and Small Ensemble Festival, and received awards at the District Festival. The softball team was 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 district champions and parish champions (undefeated). The 2016-2017 girls' sixth grade basketball team was parish champions, the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 boys' basketball teams were district champions and parish runners-up, and the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 boys' track teams were district champions and parish runners-up. This year, Mrs. Nicole Foster (science) was a recipient of the ExxonMobil Innovative STEM Program grant, Ms. Lauren Lejeune received the Deborah Rochelle Teacher Grant in math, and Mrs. Renee Hudson (ELA) was selected from 127,000 teachers nationwide to receive a Scholastic Book Club Giveaway. These countless awards hardly do justice to all of the excellent things happening at Woodlawn Middle School.

kindness

2018 Performance Score: C

2018 Progress Score: B

Greenville Superintendent's Academy

1645 North Foster Drive | (225) 357-0139 | Principal: Sherwanda Johnson

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Greenville Superintendent's Academy (GSA) provides a successful student-centered instructional program, which is focused on academic development and student achievement. GSA targets middle school students who are striving to receive their high school education and earn their diploma. GSA's motto is "Gaining success through academics!" GSA students are Respectful, Accountable, Dedicated (RAD). By utilizing a lower teacher-to-student ratio, the use of technology, and other innovative strategies, GSA helps to better prepare students for high school readiness. GSA's fast track program incorporates course choice and support services in a safe and nurturing environment to develop personal responsibility, community involvement, and academic strength. The academy provides students the opportunity to be engaged in a highly personalized learning environment where students take ownership of their learning.







ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	D



Greenville Alternative at Beechwood

2555 Desoto Drive

(225) 775-4285

Principal: Shirl E. Gilbert II, Ph. D.

Greenville Alternative School is a special incentive program designed to assist expelled middle school students in becoming successful, academically and behaviorally, and be able to return to their home schools. Greenville utilizes behavior modification and a military regime while incorporating leadership training. Students dress in Battle Dress Uniforms (camo) as they move through four levels of behavior and achievement. During this process, students are able to grow in their ability to discipline themselves and develop a value of education. With completion of the fourth level, students earn the right to return to their home schools. Clinical support includes a counselor, social worker, behavior strategist, special education, speech therapist, and behavioral support. The Baton Rouge Council for the arts program works with the school by proving an experienced Arts Teacher twice per week. The teacher focuses on instruments, dance, dramatic, sketching, and drawing. Students can participate in intramural football, basketball, and physical education. Clearly, Greenville students are surrounded by a staff who cares about and supports them in this second chance opportunity. They are also surrounded by community businesses who have offered programmatic and incentive contributions. The school boasts an 80 percent success rate for recidivism and accepts all students.



















high SCHOOLS

NINTH - TWELFTH GRADE







9-12

Baton Rouge Magnet High School

2825 Government Street | (225) 383-0520 | Principal: Nanette McCann











Baton Rouge Magnet High School (BRMHS) is a premier magnet high school boasting 32 advanced placement classes, four dual enrollment courses, and 20 honors classes. This award-winning dedicated magnet school offers a myriad of course selections including advanced and intermediate robotics, AP Capstone-Seminar and Research, technical drafting, architectural drafting I and II, advanced technical drafting, media arts I-IV, principles of business, accounting I and II, business law, and the list goes on and on. This blue ribbon school has an equally extensive list of unique clubs to meet each students specialized interests. Through students' rigorous academic schedules they also find time to excel and win championships in various sports such as boys' and girls' gymnastics. The school provides talented classes in music, arts, drama, and beginning and intermediate visual and performing arts. World language courses include Latin, French, Spanish, German, and Chinese. The school placed first in Louisiana in AP for Qualifying Scores and Tests. The many academic and leadership awards and accolades are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to recognizing this school and its outstanding achievements. BRMHS offers volleyball, soccer, cross country, wrestling, powerlifting, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, bowling, golf, and badminton.





2018 Performance Score

A

2018 Progress Score

A

Belaire High School

12121 Tams Drive | (225) 272-1860 | Principal: Angela Jones

9-12





diverse and inclusive

2018 Performance Score: F

2018 Progress Score: C

The fastest growing high school with a magnet program in Baton Rouge, Belaire High School promotes science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics through diverse and rigorous learning.

The magnet program offers STEAM pathways in robotics, animation, coding, engineering, and entertainment technology. Magnet students also have the opportunity to take advanced physics, anatomy and physiology, and biology II. Students can earn industry-based certifications in carpentry, pipefitting, workplace safety, public safety, microenterprise, business management, ProStart, hospitality and tourism, fashion design, cyber engineering, and digital entertainment. AP courses of human geography and government and politics, and dual enrollment in English IV and advanced math pre-calculus are available. As a recipient of an Magnet Schools Assistant Program grant, the students at Belaire have access to unmatched technology, tools, and equipment. Belaire is a culturally diverse and inclusive school committed to academic excellence for all students. In addition to an internationally recognized marching band, the school offers football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, baseball, track and field, cross country, weightlifting, and wrestling. Clubs include Beta Club, National Honor Society, Junior ROTC, Outstanding Mature Girlz, dance, cheerleading, mock trial, and pre-law club. Belaire was also recognized as a regional school with the "Most Promising Future" by Magnet Schools of the Mid-South (MSMS), a regional magnet organization that highlights academic achievement and magnet implementation for elementary, middle, and high magnet schools and programs across Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.



9-12

Broadmoor Senior High School

10100 Goodwood Boulevard | (225) 926-1420 | Principal: Mr. Stacy L. Bradford







Broadmoor Senior High School is one of the latest schools to join the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) designed to improve student performance in the subjects of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). At Broadmoor, everyone takes a personal responsibility in developing excellence. In addition to offering five AP courses and four dual enrollment courses, students participate in SGA, FFA, Art Club, Beta Club, Choir, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), Ladies First, National Honors Society, Young Writers Club, Chess Club, football, wrestling, softball, baseball, volleyball, powerlifting, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' track, soccer, cheerleading, dance, Junior ROTC, Pep Squad, and Band. The Buccaneer's JROTC Rifle Team placed first in 2017.



improve student performance

2018 Performance Score: F

2018 Progress Score: D

CSAL Madison Preparatory Academy

1555 Madison Avenue | (225) 636-5856 | Principal: Alisa Welsh

9-12











CSAL Madison Preparatory Academy (Madison Prep) serves students in grades 9-12. Opened just three years ago with 89 students, Madison Prep enrollment has grown to 210 with waiting lists in every grade.

Madison Prep nurtures students' hopes and transforms them into possibilities by serving their interests, encouraging enthusiasm for learning and life, and maintaining high expectations across the curriculum. Students understand failure is not an option. Teachers, staff, and administrators understand that it is incumbent upon them to motivate, strengthen, and support their students by helping them cultivate the best in themselves and the Greater Baton Rouge community.

The school offers a variety of clubs and programs including:

- Band
- BETA Club
- the Dancing Diamonds
- Engineering Club
- FBLA
- Gaming and Animation
- Madison Naturals (natural hair club)
- Needles and Fashion
- Cheerleading
- Prep Talk 101
- Rocketeers
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Teen Outreach Program
- Women in Mathematics
- Y.E.S. Program
- Ladies of Distinction

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	B

transform

9-12

EBR Career and Technical Education Center

2101 Lobdell Boulevard | (225) 412-1663 | Principal: Summer Dann







EBR CTEC, also known as Career and Technical Education Center, is housed in a brand new $17 million facility located behind Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) Automotive Training Center. This site offers a specialized training program for junior and senior high school students who are eager to learn skills in the capital region's high-wage, high-demand fields. An innovative schedule enables students to spend one half of their day at their home schools earning core credits and participating in sports, clubs, and music. The second half of their day is spent on the CTEC campus. CTEC's state-of-the-art building is designed to allow for hands-on practical training in manufacturing, computer science, construction crafts, and the medical fields. At no financial cost, each program provides opportunities for students to earn industry-based certificates and provide either dual enrollment or articulated credits toward associate degrees at BRCC. Based on the career field chosen, some classes are also transferable to four-year universities. Upon completion, those students who earn industry-based certificates will be able to move directly into the workforce. Student organizations include Health Occupations Students of America (designed to promote career opportunities in the healthcare industry) and Skills USA (a career and technical student organization).

SPECIFIC TRADES INCLUDE:

CARPENTRY | ELECTRICAL | HVAC | NETWORKING | EMT | PRE-LPN | CYBERSECURITY

9-12

Woodlawn High School

15755 Jefferson Highway | (225) 753-1200 | Principal: Scott Stevens





WOODLAWN HIGH SCHOOL, HOME OF THE PANTHERS, PLACES STUDENTS ON THE FAST TRACK TO SUCCESS.

Woodlawn offers a magnet program with a focused theme of accelerated academics through 22 Advanced Placement and 12 Dual Enrollment courses. Students are provided with a curriculum that prepares them for their individual college and career-related paths. The classroom environment encourages and supports opportunities for all students to achieve academic success, while also ensuring students obtain necessary life-skills through partaking in opportunities to grow intellectually, philanthropically, and socially. Woodlawn High offers traditional and honors classes, Gifted and Talented, magnet, Exceptional Student Services, and English as a Second Language Programs. It is also one of 100 schools in the United States to offer Pre-AP courses provided through the National Math and Science Initiative Grant. Students can participate in innovative programs such as agricultural science I and II, Gifted and Great Scholars, honors, hospitality and tourism, ProStart, Talented (art, music, and theatre), and technical (welding and electricity).



Faculty and staff are committed to implementing and providing a school environment conducive to learning and to helping students achieve success. In 2017-2018, Woodlawn produced two National Merit Finalists, three National Merit Semi-Finalists, three National Merit Commended Students, and one National Hispanic Scholar. Woodlawn also boasts 28 AP Scholars, with four of those students receiving the National AP Scholar award. Eleven students earned AP Scholars with Distinction. At Woodlawn High, students are responsible members of the community who demonstrate this by respecting the right of all to learn in a safe and challenging atmosphere, while also inspiring themselves and others to reach their highest collective potential, intellectually, physically, and emotionally.

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	C

EBR Virtual Academy

(225) 478-9264 | Principal: Claudia Battley

9-12



EBR Virtual Academy provides students in grades 9-12 with a virtual learning platform offering 24-hour access to online self-paced learning and accelerated course credit accrual. To be enrolled, students must have their own computer and access to a high-speed internet connection. Students participate in a TOPS University Diploma track. Students also have access to EBR Career Technology Education Center (CTEC) dual enrollment and AP courses. Tests are taken at a physical EBRPSS site on a set schedule. To assist students and parents, EBR Virtual Academy provides virtual tutoring, traditional tutoring, parent/student conferences, parent/student meetings, college and career fairs, and help with TOPS, FAFSA, scholarships, and career planning.









9-12

Glen Oaks Senior High School

6650 Cedar Grove Drive | (225) 356-4306 | Principal: Edward E. Hunter, Jr.



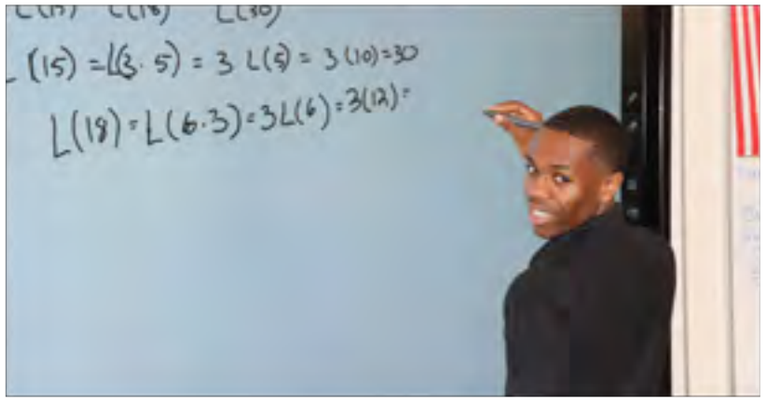




The Glen Oaks Senior High School family begins each week with a Monday Morning Meeting (3M). In the 3M, administrators, students, and faculty set the expectations for the week ahead. This 20-minute assembly and monthly Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) celebrations both contribute to establishing a positive and collaborative school culture. That conducive school culture is evident in students' academic progress. In 2017, Glen Oaks Panthers were recognized for growth in the area of ACT. That same year, despite being displaced by the flood, the school experienced School Performance Score growth. In addition to the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical curriculum, magnet studies include pre-medical, sports medicine, and radio journalism. Partnerships with Louisiana GEAR UP, Big Buddy, Southern University, and the Glen Oaks Dads make a positive impact on the students' lives. Students are excelling. Their artwork has been on display at the Shaw Center and Glen Oaks Center of Excellence. The Glen Oaks band, the heartbeat of the community, has received countless first place awards, including the regional Battle of the Bands.

GLEN OAKS SENIOR HIGH OFFERS:

VOLLEYBALL | FOOTBALL | BASKETBALL | TRACK | SOFTBALL



positive and collaborative

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	C

6-12

Istrouma High School

3530 Winbourne Avenue | (225) 636-2686 | Principal: Reginald Douglas





The historic Istrouma High School, home of football legend Billy Cannon, reopened its doors in 2016. Since then, the Istrouma family has worked hand in hand to create a school culture of pride, academic excellence, and competition. Serving students in grades 6-12, this unique school provides 1:1 technology, and offers aquaponics, process technology, and a middle and high school media magnet program to prepare students for a technologically driven world. Students have the opportunity to take two AP courses and two dual enrollment courses. The tradition of strong athletics also continues into Istrouma's new era; the sports offered include:

FOOTBALL | BASKETBALL | TRACK | BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL | BOWLING | CHEERLEADING | DANCING

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
D	B





9-12

Lee Magnet High School

1105 Lee Drive | (225) 924-9406 | Principal: Rob Howle







With LSU STEM Pathways in Pre-Engineering, Digital Design, Computer Science, and Biomedical, the Lee Magnet High experience prepares students for the future.

Much like a modern university, the campus is comprised of three academies, each specializing in its own pathway. A school like no other, Lee has been recognized for its architecture, extraordinary design, and advanced academic programs. The school earned a Magnet of Distinction Recognition by Magnet Schools of America was declared a Top Gains School in 2017, participates in the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), and recently produced 47 Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars. The Patriots also boast a multitude of excellent extracurricular programs including academic clubs such as National Honor Society, Beta Club and an eSports Team for pro-gamers. In addition to baseball, softball, basketball, bowling, golf, soccer, cross-country, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, wrestling, cheer and a dance team, the Patriots are now offering football again beginning fall 2019.



2018 Performance Score: A

2018 Progress Score: A

McKinley Senior High School

800 East McKinley Street | (225) 408-9892 | Principal: Dr. Esrom Pitre

9-12





McKinley Senior High School has a long and rich history as a premier educational institution. The Panthers were the first high school in EBR parish to offer a Gifted and Talented high school program. McKinley continues to innovate through high-quality courses, including art, dance, music, drama and theater, humanities amped, and student media. The Panthers have 17 AP courses and eight dual enrollment courses available to their students. McKinley students graduate a step ahead and are ready to succeed at the next level.

Students can participate in:

- JROTC
- FOOTBALL
- BASKETBALL
- TRACK AND FIELD
- VOLLEYBALL
- SOCCER
- WRESTLING
- CROSS COUNTRY
- SWIMMING
- GOLF
- TENNIS
- GYMNASTICS

2018 Performance Score: D

2018 Progress Score: C

high quality courses

9-12

Mentorship STEAM Academy

339 Florida Street | (225) 346-5180 | Principal: Robert Webb, Jr.



The mission of Mentorship Academy is to create a relevant and vibrant project-based learning environment that prepares all students to be successful in college, career, and citizenship.

The intentional experiences with mentors, teachers, internships, field trips, jobs, and volunteer work help students in grades 9-12 develop into citizens who will positively shape our world. Mentorship understands the importance of being a responsible citizen and therefore models making good choices, the political process and of the power of the vote, exhibiting a strong work ethic, service, and having empathy and integrity. Providing focused instruction in integrated technology, college readiness, career readiness, and citizenship, Mentorship has been recognized as a Top Gains school in both 2014 and 2015.



empathy and integrity

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	C

9-12

Northeast High School

13700 Port Hudson-Pride Road | (225) 654-5808 | Principal: Brandon Levatino





Northeast High School is an oasis for ambitious students in the heart of Pride, Louisiana.

This traditional middle and high school offers multiple dual-enrollment courses with pathways to LSU and BRCC. The Northeast High Vikings offer a welcoming and inclusive environment, catering to various interests. Students can learn the culinary arts, compete in ProStart competitions, or get a jump start on their future college engineering courses. Students can also enjoy unique classes in agriculture, business, and welding and carpentry. Vikings have the opportunity to join in numerous extracurricular activities including Gaming Club, Junior and Senior Beta Club, and Viking Scholars. The Vikings pride themselves on being a 2016 Top Gains School, an athletic powerhouse in multiple sports, and the home of three Golden Footballs for NFL players with Super Bowl appearances.

ambition

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	B



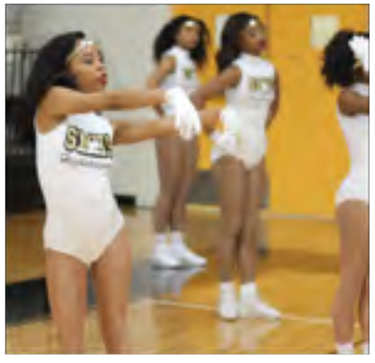


9-12

Scotlandville Magnet High School

9870 Scotland Avenue | (225) 775-3715 | Principal: Tiffany Quiett







With wall-to-wall academies, Scotlandville Magnet High School has a program for everyone, including:

- Academic Magnet
- Academy of Engineering
- Academy of Finance
- Academy of Health Science
- Academy of Information Technology
- Entrepreneurship
- Law and Government
- Traditional Programs

Extracurricular and athletic activities include boys' and girls' basketball, volleyball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track, football, and over 30 clubs. The Hornets have been state basketball champions for five years, and the school has been a Distinguished Academy of Engineering for five consecutive years, bringing major business and industry partners together on the High School of Engineering Professions (HSEP) Advisory Council. The Hornets are also home to a nationally recognized band, which keeps this fantastic school marching forward!





2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
C	C

9-12

Tara High School

9002 Whitehall Avenue | (225) 927-6100 | Principal: Karen Triche









Located within the Tara Neighborhood, Tara High School's mission is to make all students, faculty, and staff equipped and empowered to achieve the futures they desire for themselves.

In addition to the eight AP courses and three dual enrollment offerings, students who graduate from the Cy-Tech Magnet Academy may earn both a high school diploma and an associate's degree in computer science. Students can participate in Tara's Operable School Store (Entrepreneurship), ProStart, and Carpentry. Tara is an National Math and Science Initiative partnered school and also an Upward Bound partner. Extracurricular activities and athletic opportunities include football, soccer, baseball, softball, cross country, bowling, volleyball, basketball, track, I CARE Team Spirit, RISE, FBLA, Dazzling Diamonds, Starlites, band, and a coding club. The Junior ROTC program has won a plethora of awards and honors for rifle team, drill, and unarmed drill.

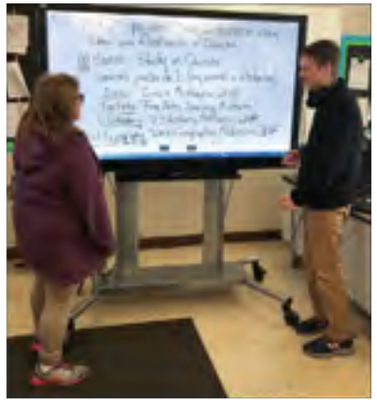


2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	C

Arlington Preparatory Academy

931 Dean Lee Drive | (225) 766-8188 | Principal: Margot Morgan-Forbes

8-12











ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	C

Arlington Preparatory Academy is committed to providing a program that will enable each student to develop to his or her highest potential academically, socially, and functionally. Arlington offers transitional training and community-based classes with a very low teacher to student ratio. The school focuses on exposing students to meaningful field trips to help them explore opportunities in the community. A special focus is placed on work-based learning for exceptional students to gain career experience outside of the classroom. Programs include:

- CHEERLEADING
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS
- COMMUNITY-BASED COOKING CLASSES
- GYMNASTICS

EBR Readiness Superintendent's Academy

21017 72nd Avenue | (225) 757-9679 | Principal: Delores Watts

9-12



THE MISSION OF EBR READINESS SUPERINTENDENT'S ACADEMY IS TO PROMOTE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS BY USING A BLENDED LEARNING APPROACH.

The school provides high school students in grades 9-12 with an alternative approach to learning. Through blended learning, teachers utilize integrated technology and face-to-face traditional teaching methods to help maximize student achievement. By enabling students to recover credits through E20/20 and Edgenuity and offering Flex Schedules, students are able to receive a quality education. Through a strong Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, the school is able to address the behavior needs of each individual student.



ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	F

Northdale Superintendent's Academy

10755 Cletus Drive | (225) 272-2036 | Principal: Claudia Battley

9-12









ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

2018 Performance Score	2018 Progress Score
F	B



NORTHDALE SUPERINTENDENT'S ACADEMY IS AN INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL, EDUCATING UNDER-CREDITED STUDENTS IN A SMALL CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT.

Designed to best meet the diverse academic and career goals of its students, Northdale offers traditional, blended learning, and virtual learning opportunities in both an extended year program and through flexible scheduling. In addition to a Pre-HiSet Program, students can choose from Jump Start TOPS Tech and TOPS University Diploma Pathways, participate in EBR CTEC Dual Enrollment, and earn industry-based certifications. Northdale offers a variety of extended learning experiences including volunteerism, job shadowing, and internships. Students also participate in college tours, college fairs, and field trips.



diverse academic goals







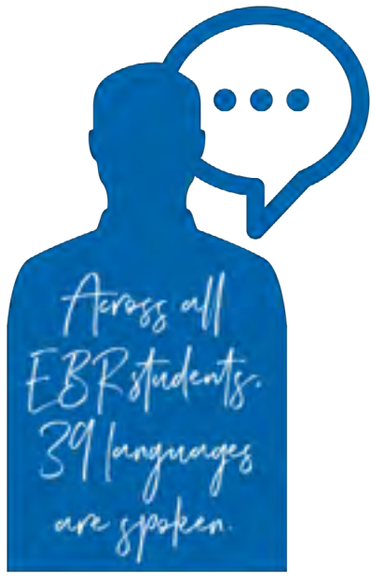
Fast Facts

ABOUT EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM



RANDY JACKSON, FORMER *AMERICAN IDOL* JUDGE IS AN EBR SCHOOLS GRADUATE.





IN 2012, BROADMOOR HIGH SCHOOL WAS GIVEN THE BRONZE AWARD FOR TOP HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE NATION BY US NEWS & *WORLD REPORT MAGAZINE*.













NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL HAS PRODUCED 3 SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS.



BREAKING GROUND



Broadmoor Elementary School

OPENED 2018



EBR Career and Technical Education Center

OPENED 2018



Jefferson Terrace Academy

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Park Elementary School

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS MANAGED BY:

CSRS TILLAGE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Our global society becomes more technology-reliant by the day, and East Baton Rouge Parish School System equips its students with the digital skills they need to succeed. All East Baton Rouge students learn in technology-rich classrooms, and 4th through 12th graders each have their own laptop to enhance their learning on campus. Technology is integrated into every lesson in meaningful and diverse ways.

Students transition from simply receiving information to becoming knowledgeable content creators through communication and collaboration with the district's dynamic team of educators. Instructional and technology support personnel work together to help all students develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed. Learning environments are set up to be reliable, effective, ethical, and transformative.

East Baton Rouge schools are advancing teaching and learning in every classroom to provide better outcomes for all students. Technology requires support and training, and the school system provides that support for its educators, staff, and students to be sure they have the tools, resources, and information necessary for effective technology-based learning.

The district's goal with its technology focus is to equip, educate, and empower all teachers and their students to actively engage with technology while learning, preparing learners for success as citizens, workers, and leaders in a digital world.



JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

The U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is committed to "Motivate Young People to be Better Citizens." A cooperative effort between the U.S. Army and high schools, JROTC works with students in the areas of character education, achievement, wellness, leadership, and diversity, to foster a more constructive and disciplined school learning environment.

East Baton Rouge Parish School System boasts nine JROTC programs that educate 1,183 students. Partnership schools include Belaire, Broadmoor, Glen Oaks, Lee, McKinley, Northeast, Scotlandville, Tara, and Woodlawn high schools. With each school's support, students learn via a world-class 21st century technology-driven, student-centered education curriculum consisting of lessons in citizenship, leadership, social and communication skills, physical fitness and wellness, geography, and civics.

Positive student outcomes are impressive. JROTC members act with integrity and personal accountability as they lead others to succeed in a diverse and global workforce. They become engaged in civic and social concerns in the community, government, and society; make decisions that promote social, emotional, and physical health; and value the role of the military and other service organizations. Upon graduation, JROTC students leave high school equipped with the tools required to excel in post-secondary options and career pathways. Post-secondary scholarships valued at $885,971 include the award of ROTC scholarships, two military scholarships (West Point and Annapolis), and 21 non-military scholarships. Sixty-nine students have entered a two or four year postsecondary education institution.











We often hear about how great private schools are, but what we have right here in our own communities–our public schools–is just as fantastic. Public schools offer a variety of amenities for our children. Whether your children are walking to school or attending their school of choice anywhere in the district, you can rest assured that they are on their way to a school that is filled with teachers who care for your children and their education just as much as you do. Here are 11 reasons that make public schools so unique.

Diversity. Public schools admit all children in their communities. Because of this, your kiddos are more likely to be in a classroom with other children who don't necessarily think, act, or look exactly like them. Students are more likely to be exposed to students from different cultures and income levels, and they may even learn to work with students with mental and physical disabilities. Diversity in the student body offers an important learning experience for all children attending school.

Not only do they provide a great amount of diversity, they also offer a greater sense of community. Public schools are usually the heart of the community in which they reside. With various open houses, sporting events, and art productions, public schools bring together students, staff, and their families to strengthen the community and help it grow.

Class Sizes. Funding for schools may depend on the number of students in a school. Typically, class sizes in public schools tend to remain smaller in the early years (Kindergarten through third) and gradually increase in size as students grow older and can work more independently. Which is great! Why? Because your little ones are getting plenty of one-on-one time with their teachers to learn at a pace they are comfortable with.

Cost. While certain sports teams and supplies can be an added expense when attending public schools, the overall consensus is that the cost of public education is hard to beat. Public schools will sometimes participate in fundraisers for the schools. However, the bulk of the funding comes from federal, state, and local government sources.

Availability. Access to an education is possible for every child in our parish through public schools. *The Huffington Post* shares that by law, public schools cannot turn students away based on academic performance, income level, or disability.

Academic Opportunities. Public schools offer academic opportunities including advanced classes and courses in specialized subjects such as technology, foreign languages, and the arts. Other options can include Gifted and Talented programs, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced Placement classes.

Extracurricular Opportunities. In public schools, there are various opportunities for students beyond the classroom. Students can choose from athletics and music to theatre and academic clubs such as robotics and entertainment technology to keep themselves learning and excelling in the areas they are interested in long after the bell rings.

Services. Public schools provide transportation to and from school, reduced-price lunches and academic assistance, and a staff of counselors, special education teachers, and learning specialists at the parents' and students' disposal. Best of all, every student is welcomed with open arms and offered wrap-around services to ensure all needs are met.

Teacher Qualifications. We want our children to work with the best teachers possible, teachers who became teachers because they truly want to educate the children of our future to go on to be incredible leaders. That's what you get with teachers in public schools. Teachers in public schools are required to be certified by the state, and because they are required to be certified, they have to continuously update and renew their credentials as time goes on, making sure they continue to meet those standards. Charter schools and private schools do not have this requirement.

Accountability. Public schools are held accountable by the state for their academic performance. The performance scores are based on standardized testing and other factors. Public schools have a higher power to report to, which helps provide transparency to the public and put corrective action in place for struggling schools.

Results. According to a *Huffington Post* report, students in public schools score comparably on standardized tests to students in private schools. In some cases, they outscore students in private and charter schools. While some public schools have relatively poor results, those scores are not a reflection of the students they serve.

Reliability. What makes public schools super special is that they are reliable. While some schools can come and go, the public schools in your community have usually been there for decades. You may still see your elementary, middle, or high school on your way to work, or your kiddos may be attending where you went when you were a child. A neighborhood school is the epicenter of that community. Bringing together people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and different beliefs and values, uniting them under one common mission: *Building the Future of Baton Rouge.* ■







RECENT ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

BATON ROUGE MAGNET HIGH
Baton Rouge Magnet High School won the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Boys' State Gymnastics Meet. This is the fourth consecutive year and the 25th time that BRMHS Boys have won the state championship.
Baton Rouge Magnet High School was the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Girls' Gymnastics Runners-up this year at the state meet. The BRMHS Girls have won eight state titles.
Logan Lewis placed 2nd in the shot put and was state champion in discus.

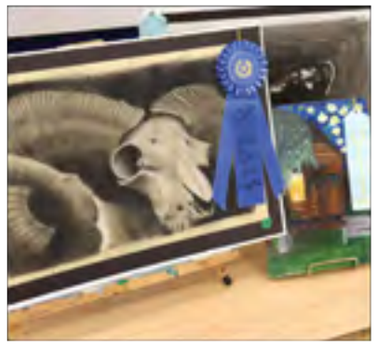
BROADMOOR HIGH SCHOOL
Jhanviey Nichols placed 2nd in the shot put.
Jordan Thompson placed 1st in the 300 meter hurdles.

LEE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL
Lee High Lady Patriots Basketball were the 2018 Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Girls' State Runners-up for Division II.

SCOTLANDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Scotlandville High Basketball won the 2018 Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Boys' State Basketball Title for Division I. This is the second consecutive state title and the third title in the past four years that Coach Carlos Sample and his team has won. Scotlandville has been in the title game for nine straight years and has won five of those. They've also won their 9th straight District Title.
Kelvin Joseph placed 1st in the 4x200 meter relay (signed a football scholarship to LSU).
Dorian Camel placed 1st in the 4x200 meter relay, placed 1st in the 100 meter run, and placed 2nd in the 400 meter run (signed a football scholarship to Tulane).
Trenton Charles placed 1st in the 4x200 meter relay, placed 2nd in the 100 meter run, and placed 2nd in the 200 meter (signed a football scholarship to Yale).
DeJuan Ross placed 1st in the 4x200 meter relay.

TARA HIGH SCHOOL
Prince Pines placed 2nd in the shot put (signed a football scholarship to Baylor).
Nic Scott placed 1st in the 800 meter run (signed a track scholarship to Southern University).
Many student-athletes signed scholarships for football, volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball, and track & field. Student athletes were All-District and MVP at the district level, All-Metro, MVP at state, Gatorade Player of the Year, Advocate All-Stars, and one selected to the USA Basketball U17 World Championship Training Camp.







FINE ARTS IN EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOLS

The East Baton Rouge Parish School System is Building the Future of Baton Rouge—and the award-winning faculty of the Fine Arts Department will ensure that the future is colorful and bright! EBR educators are making a conscience effort to introduce students to the arts and nurture their unlimited creative potential. When students compliment their studies with an education in the arts, it allows them to express themselves in an inviting and safe space. Students will learn team building, use critical thinking skills, develop problem solving techniques, and turn imagination into reality.

Not only is EBR paving the way for a future generation of artists, but it is shaping character, strengthening confidence, and introducing new opportunities at home and abroad. Students will have the chance to further their arts education in places like France, England, South Africa, and China. With more than 70 schools offering Fine Arts classes taught by over 220 talented teachers, the school system is placing a dedicated focus on the arts. Join EBR as it continues to build a better and brighter future for its students by allowing them to CREATE.

Twenty-one percent of low socioeconomic students in EBR who studied music scored higher in math (versus 11 percent of those who had not). By their senior year, these figures had increased to 33 percent (versus 16 percent)—suggesting a cumulative value to music education.

As Albert Einstein said, "Art is standing with one hand extended into the universe and one hand extended into the world, and letting ourselves be a conduit for passing energy."

The arts reach students not normally reached in ways and methods not normally used. The results? Better student attendance and lower dropout rates. The arts change the learning environment to one of discovery. The results? It helps reignite the love of learning in students tired of being just fed facts. The arts help students connect with each other. The results? There are often fewer fights, greater understanding of diversity, and greater peer support. The arts provide challenges to students of all levels. The results? Each student can find their own level from basic to gifted. Students learn to become sustained, self-directed learners. The results? Students seek to extend instruction to higher levels of proficiency beyond storing basic facts from direct instruction.










EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ESS)

Exceptional Student Services (ESS) provides specialized instruction within approximately 76 schools and to 4,300 students who reside within East Baton Rouge Parish. This department ensures the provision of services to qualifying students from ages 3-21 years. To qualify, a child must be identified through an evaluation process and meet State Bulletin 1508 criteria. With as many as 450 ESS teachers and paraprofessionals, services are provided to students with intellectual disabilities, (mild, moderate, severe) autism, specific learning disabilities, speech/language impairments, hearing and visual impairments, other health impairments, orthopedic impairments, and emotional disturbance. Related services are also provided. These services encompass occupational and physical therapy, counseling, adapted physical education, orientation and mobility, speech/language, and assistive technology (accessible educational materials).

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAM

The purpose of the East Baton Rouge Parish English as a Second Language (ESL) Program is to help ensure that children who are English Language Learners (ELL), including immigrant children and youth, attain English proficiency, develop high levels of academic attainment in English, and meet the same challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards as all children are expected to meet. Full-time, Louisiana-certified ESL instructional specialists provide school site instructional support for teachers of identified ELLs.

I CARE PROGRAM: PROMOTING PREVENTION

For over 38 years, the ***I CARE*** Program has served as the alcohol, drug abuse, and violence prevention program for East Baton Rouge Parish. The ***I CARE*** Program uses a three-tiered approach to prevention, focusing on individual students as well as group and classroom presentations. The ***I CARE*** Program also incorporates school-wide initiatives and believes in building strong community partnerships to benefit students and their families.

I CARE has a long history of working to provide support to parents and caregivers regarding prevention education and resources for the total family. Traditionally, ***I CARE*** has provided workshops and trainings in schools on topics ranging from substance abuse and bullying to suicide prevention. Parents are also able to consult with trained ***I CARE*** Specialists on meeting the challenges of raising healthy, drug-free children.







THE MAGNET SCHOOL DECISION

By Joy Holden

When it comes to choosing the right school for your child, you want to know that you are providing the best environment for her to grow and bloom. Here in Baton Rouge, parents have many school options: public, private, charter, or magnet. Every child is unique, and each family has different priorities for education. Which is the best school for your child? East Baton Rouge Parish Magnet Schools are a unique option that combine quality with access for everyone.

Theresa Porter, the East Baton Rouge Parish Magnet School Director, clarifies what sets magnet schools apart from the rest: "Magnet Schools were developed to create exciting learning experiences that promote academic achievement for students with specific educational needs. In addition, the program is also a proven model to increase diversity in the district. Our specialized programs offer students a quality education based on their learning styles, skills, and special interests."

Magnet schools offer specialized programs for students in several areas, yet are public without tuition. If those qualities are what you are looking for in a school for your child, then this choice may be the best of both worlds.

How Does the Magnet System Work?
Magnet schools are different from other options because of their application and selection process. Porter explains, "The Magnet Program is based strictly on an application process, with a board-approved selection policy. Therefore, students must apply for a program before they can be selected for a school. Parents and students review our magnet programs to select the school that would best fit students' interests and academic needs."

Porter describes the process of selection, "At the end of the application period, all applications that have been deemed eligible are imported into our lottery system. An external consultant then conducts the student selection process electronically, weighing applicants according to their priority. All eligible students are assigned to either their first choice school, their second choice school, or placed in a waiting pool for their first choice." Since the process involves a lottery, the best chances of acceptance are for entry level grades at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Because "most students typically remain in magnet programs, less seats are available for new applicants," says Porter.

After the selection is complete, testing may still be needed for some programs to complete the process. If the child meets requirements, then he or she is accepted into the magnet program, but if not, the parents can re-apply during a later application period.

Before parents can apply though, they have to know the best first and second choice for their children.

The Right Fit
To be sure what's the best course of education for their child, parents need to research all the choices and analyze what specific interests and skill sets their child has. "Parents give multiple reasons for wanting their child in a particular program," Porter shares. If scientifically minded, they might choose one of the STEM focused programs. If artistically gifted, then one of the arts schools may be the perfect place. If academically driven, one of the more rigorous schools will aid in that intellectual excellence.

East Baton Rouge Parish boasts 28 competitive magnet programs including specialized programs such as pre-engineering, entrepreneurship, pre-medicine, visual and performing arts, renewable energy and environmental science, digital arts and technology, pre-law, foreign language immersion, and Montessori. The only way to know for sure which program best suits your child is to get "boots on the ground" and see the schools personally.

Take the Tours
The best way to know if a school is right for your child is to tour the school first. "Parents are encouraged to visit each school that they are interested in for a personalized tour during the Magnet Application Period," Porter advises. Walking the grounds and halls of prospective schools really gives parents a great picture of the educational environment. Speaking with teachers and principals also brings another level of understanding that assists in making the right choice.

The Application and Lottery Process
Parents should go to ebrmagnet.org to complete and submit an online application, which requires parents to submit two proofs of residency, and depending on the grade level, magnet school, and magnet program selected, the parent may be required to submit the past four semesters of grades and most recent math and English standardized assessment scores. The parent can apply to up to two magnet schools, a first choice and second choice. Parents must also submit a signature page to their first-choice school.

"Regardless of a student's aptitude or interest, the Magnet Programs offer specialized programs and pathways to accommodate students' different learning styles," Porter assures. ■

MAGNET APPLICATION PERIOD 2019-2020

Early October-Late November

Which magnet school may be right for your child?

Arts Focus
- Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts
- Forest Heights Academy of Excellence
- McKinley Middle Academic Magnet School

Health Science Focus
- Brookstown Middle Magnet Academy
- Glen Oaks Senior High School
- Lee Magnet High School

Exploratory Learning Focus
- Belfair Montessori Magnet School
- The Dufrocq School

STEAM Focus
- Scotlandville Pre-Engineering Magnet School
- Southeast Middle Magnet School
- Scotlandville Magnet High School
- Lee Magnet High School

Foreign Language Focus
- Baton Rouge Foreign Language Academic Immersion Magnet
- Westdale Middle School

Accelerated Academic Focus
- Mayfair Laboratory School
- Westdale Heights Academic Magnet School
- Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet School
- Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Creative Sciences and Arts Focus
- Villa del Rey Elementary School
- Park Forest Elementary School
- Park Forest Middle School
- Belaire High School



RESILIENCY IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOLS

When flood waters took over Baton Rouge and surrounding communities, families, friends, and neighbors came together to help one another rebuild. And, EBR came back stronger than ever. While there is still work to be done in some areas, the resiliency that Louisianians have shown is admirable. Not only have they come together to restore homes and businesses, they have also put forth efforts to make sure our children's schools were able to reopen. After the August 2016 flood damaged schools and administrative centers, East Baton Rouge Parish Schools Superintendent Warren Drake vowed to recover stronger than ever. He knew that Louisiana depended, particularly, on the recovery of the surrounding technology-based schools.

Prior to the flood, Drake announced a strategic plan for technology integration to "equip, educate, and empower every educator and learner to actively engage in technology-rich learning environments." With this mission in mind, he deployed a 1:1 laptop program for students in grades 5-8. The flooding wasn't going to keep him from fulfilling that mission. "Preparing all students to succeed as citizens, workers, and leaders in a digital world is a priority and a right for students in the 21st century. We were not going to let a little water bog us down," says Drake.

The students eventually returned to their schools, where approximately 80 of those schools were now connected to bandwidth-rich, 10 gigabits per second, superfast high-speed Internet. For the students, this meant reliable access to web-based tools and digital resources. For East Baton Rouge Parish Schools, this meant some of the fastest Internet speeds in the state. The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Technology states, "The bandwidth required for today's students to curate an electronic portfolio of learning far exceeds what was required to give students access to early online tools such as email and static reference materials." And these materials are more than necessary. National and state standardized testing is now computer-based for grades 5-12, requiring students to be proficient on computers and online.

Faster speeds support the school district's focus on technology-based learning, including accessible Wi-Fi, laptops for teachers, and the 1:1 laptop program, which has expanded to include grades 4-12. The unique digital programming across the district is possible because of this advanced technology. "We have to prepare our students for the jobs of tomorrow, and that means technology-rich instruction in our schools," says Drake.

However, all of this is made possible with the help of Cox Business Louisiana. "East Baton Rouge Parish Public School System and its superintendent should be applauded for employing technology to improve performance, drive student achievement, and contribute to teachers' effectiveness," says Leigh King, vice president of Cox Business Louisiana. "Cox Business has been delighted to serve East Baton Rouge schools over the years and looks forward to continuing to meet their bandwidth needs."

Despite the changes, students in East Baton Rouge Parish Schools have adjusted wonderfully and have adapted and embraced their technology-rich learning environment.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

504 Coordinator 928-8600
Accountability & Assessment 226-7625
Adult & Continuing Education 226-7650
Alternative Programs 922-5595
Business Operations 922-5650
Career and Technical Education 922-5444
Central Office 922-5400
Child Nutrition Office 226-3762
Child Welfare & Attendance 239-7869
Communications 922-5627
Curriculum and Instruction Department 226-4806
Elementary School Programs 922-5553
Employee Benefits (Insurance) 922-5680
English as Second Language/Bilingual ... 922-5461
Exceptional Student Services 929-8600
Federal Programs 922-5506
Foster Care 239-7827
Gifted & Talented Programs 929-8642
Health Centers in Schools 343-9505
Hearings/Suspensions Office 239-7870
High School Programs 922-5616
Hospital/Homebound Dept 929-8692
Human Resources 922-5468
I CARE 226-2273
Information Technology 922-5524
Instructional Resource Center 922-5506
Instructional Support Services 922-5645
Intervention Services 922-5439
JROTC 354-4491
JumpStart 922-5507
Library Services 226-7610
Magnet Programs 922-5443
Middle School Programs 922-5616
Parent & Family Engagement 922-5506
Payroll 922-5680
Pre-K Services 226-7675
Professional Development 226-4800
Pupil Appraisal Services 929-8600
Purchasing 922-5408
Recruitment 922-5481
Risk Management 929-8705
School Security 922-5626
Student Activities 929-8759
Superintendent's Office 922-5618
Teach Baton Rouge 922-5488
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Web Master 922-5583










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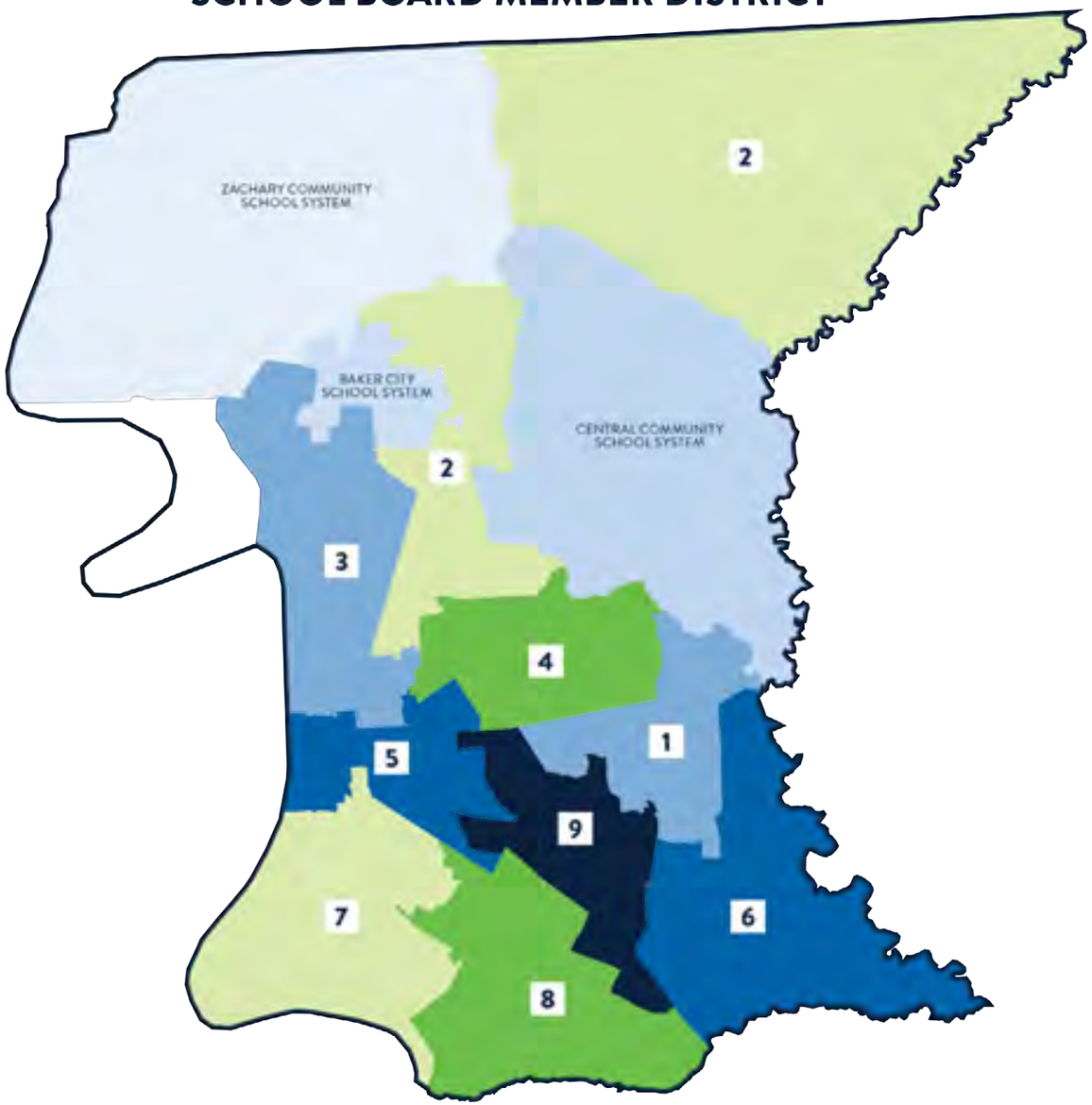

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District 5: Evelyn Ware-Jackson


District 6: Jill Dyason


District 7: Michael Gaudet


District 8: Connie Bernard


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