

Beauregard maintains “B” letter grade in District Performance Scores

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The Louisiana Department of Education recently released the 2023 District Performance Scores (DPS) and School Performance Scores (SPS). Beauregard Parish overall maintained a letter grade of “B” with a score of 83.2 total points.

The LDOE assesses students, schools, and districts annually in the Louisiana Believes accountability program for grades 3-12. The state transitioned to a new scoring system in 2018 under the LEAP 2025 program designed to measure progress and growth toward higher standards.

“We are pleased to announce that the Beauregard Parish school system maintained a “B” letter grade overall with a growth of 3.5 points from the previous year,” explained Instructional Supervisor Cassady Hickingbottom.

The overall performance score for the state is a 78.5 with a growth of 1.4 from the 2022 performance scores.

In Beauregard Parish, two schools, East Beauregard Elementary and South Beauregard Upper Elementary, increased their letter grade from the 2022 letter grade and all other schools maintained their letter grade. In addition, eight schools increased their total points from the 2022 scores issued by the state. Eight schools in the parish earned a “B” letter grade and four schools earned a “C” letter grade. No schools received a “D” or “F” letter grade.

Five schools, Carver Elementary, K. R Hanchey Elementary, Pine Wood Elementary, South Beauregard Upper Elementary, South Beauregard Elementary, and East Beauregard Elementary, were named “Top Gains” schools by the state.

Elementary schools are assessed on 70% Assessment Index, 25% Growth Index, and 5% Interests and Opportunities. Schools with junior high grades are assessed on 65% Assessment Index, 25% Growth Index, 5% Interest and Opportunities, and 5% Dropout Credit Accumulation Index. High schools are assessed on 25% ACT/WorkKeys scores, 25% Strength of Diploma, 20% Cohort Graduation Rate, 12.5% Assessment Index, 12.5% Growth Index, and 5% Interest and Opportunities.

“The graduation rate and related data continue to be strong for Beauregard Parish schools,” said Hickingbottom. “Our 2023 district graduation rate increased to a 94.3, keeping our district above 90% for ten consecutive years.”

All five high schools in the parish earned an “A” for Strength of Diploma and for the Graduation Rate. Overall, Louisiana scored an 82.7 for graduation rate.

For the current scoring system, 90-150 points = A, 75-89.9 points = B, 60 – 74.9 points = C, 50-59.9 points = D, 49.9 and below = F. The LDOE has changed the scoring scale for the 2023-2024 school year to a more stringent range which will affect letter grades and performance scores in the future.

“Our students, teachers, and schools work hard to make gains in the Louisiana accountability program,” concluded Hickingbottom. “Our system has maintained a “B” average and our high school graduation rate remains among the top in the state. We are committed to maintaining our scores in our areas of strength and pursuing improvements as we strive for excellence in education for all of our students.

