

# Beauregard Graduation Rate above 90 Percent for Ten Consecutive Years

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The Louisiana Department of Education (DOE) has released the 2022 cohort data for graduation rates which shows Beauregard Parish maintaining a rate above 90 percent for ten consecutive years and shows Beauregard among the top sixteen district scores in the state, according to Cassady Hickingbottom, Instructional Supervisor and Assessment Coordinator for Beauregard Parish schools

The 2022 graduating class in Beauregard Parish had a 94.3 percent graduation rate.

“This is the seventeenth year that the state has issued graduation rate data,” Hickingbottom explained, “and Beauregard Parish has been among the highest ranking districts each of the seventeen years. In addition, we have maintained a graduation rate above 90 percent for ten consecutive years.”

All five high schools in the parish earned an “A” rating for Graduation Rate and for Strength of Diploma in the 2022-2023 performance scores. In the Actual Graduation Rate, DeRidder High School earned a 92.9, East Beauregard High School earned a 93.3, Merryville High School earned a 96.9, Singer High School earned an 83.3, and South Beauregard High School earned a 98.8 score.

The Department of Education has set a goal of all school districts achieving a 90 percent graduation rate or higher by 2025.

Louisiana uses a Cohort Completion Rate analysis which tracks students entering the ninth grade through graduation. For the current standings, information was compiled over a four year period beginning with the 2018-2019 school year and ending in the spring of 2022.

Students who entered high school as first-time freshmen in the fall of 2018 were tracked through the time of graduation. A graduate is defined as a student who received a high school diploma in four years.

Graduation rate and strength of diploma are used in the Department of Education’s evaluation of high schools, each category counting for 25 percent of the School Performance Score. The overall graduation rate for Louisiana was 82.7 percent.

“The goal of the Beauregard Parish school system is to provide excellence in education with a mission to graduate students who are prepared to meet the challenges of post-secondary education and careers,” Hickingbottom concluded. “We will continue to offer opportunities for student success as they advance toward graduation.”

