

Beauregard Continues Top Ten Ranking in the State for Graduation Rates

The Louisiana Department of Education (DOE) has released the 2016 cohort data for graduation rates which shows Beauregard Parish with the seventh highest graduation rate in the state, according to Timothy J. Cooley, Superintendent of Beauregard Parish schools.

The 2016 graduating class in Beauregard Parish had a 91.6 percent graduation rate. This ranking places Beauregard Parish as one of only eleven districts among the 72 reported districts in the state to have a graduation rate above 90 percent.

“This is the eleventh year that the state has issued graduation rate data,” said Cooley, “and Beauregard Parish has been among the top ten school districts in the state each of the eleven years. In addition, we have maintained a graduation rate above 90 percent for four consecutive years.”

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 2012-2013 school year and ending in the spring of 2016.

Students who entered high school as first-time freshmen in the fall of 2012 were tracked through the time of graduation. A graduate is defined as a student who received a high school diploma in four years.

Graduation rates are used in the Department of Education’s evaluation of high schools, counting for 25 percent of the School Performance Score.

The overall graduation rate for the state was 77 percent, a half point decrease from the previous year.

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 or careers, Cooley continued.

“Graduation is the paramount achievement of our students and the result of diligence on the part of students, teachers, parents, and administrators,” Cooley concluded. “We will continue to provide every opportunity to help Beauregard Parish students attain their high school diploma and prepare them for a bright future.”

