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Dear Friend of Education,

In Beauregard Parish, we focus on the goal of excellence in public education. We strive for high academic achievement and healthy development for all students.

For the past 105 years, we have shared a common commitment with our community of providing quality education to the children of Beauregard Parish.

It is important that we celebrate the accomplishments of our schools and recognize the achievements of our students. Therefore, we have prepared a summary of our school system during the 2017-2018 school year. We are proud of our students, educators, and support personnel for their outstanding performances and know that you are as well.

Our children are the reason we exist and the reason we strive for excellence in all of our endeavors. Because of the support of our community—parents, business and industry, civic groups, and other clubs and organizations—we are able to provide a comprehensive program of learning which will equip our graduates to meet the challenges of the coming years. Thank you for all that you have done to join us in providing Excellence in Education for each child.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Cooley, M.Ed.
Superintendent

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From the time of the first one-room school house, citizens of Beauregard Parish have placed education high on the list of priorities. There is a rich legacy of education in our parish which has brought both challenges and rewards, but the one constant has been the importance education has held with the public.

The roots of public education in Beauregard Parish can be traced to the mid-1800’s when the first school house built specifically for education was constructed in the Dry Creek area. At approximately the same time, the first known school in Merryville had its beginnings in a “one-room rough building located near the edge of the Sabine Swamp,” (History of Beauregard Parish, 144).

School curriculum included the three “R’s”- readin’, ‘ritin’, and ‘rithmatic, as well as English, geography, history, and science. Teachers often taught all grade levels and served as principal and janitor. Public schools in the area operated under the Imperial Calcasieu Parish School Board with John McNeese as Superintendent from 1906-1912.

The first official school board meeting was held on January 7, 1913, after Beauregard Parish was created when the Old Imperial Calcasieu Parish was divided into four parishes – Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, and Jefferson Davis – creating the final of the current 64 parishes in the state, (Gremillion, John B. “Beauregard Parish.” ereserves.mcneese.edu).

L.D. McCollister was named the Superintendent, and one member from each of the seven wards in the newly appointed parish served as the board: Ward 1, O. W. Young, Fields; Ward 2, A. O. Gunter, Merryville; Ward 3, A. I. Shaw, DeRidder (President); Ward 4, J. H. Derks, Longville; Ward 5, J. E. Moore, Newlin; Ward 6, T. J. Jackson, Bear (Vice-Pres.); and Ward 7, Abner Talbert, Sugartown.

Superintendent McNeese set high standards of professionalism for teachers, and Superintendent McCollister followed with a high standard for teacher pay that was a model in the state. In subsequent years, a program of school construction and consolidation led to each ward in the parish having one main school by 1930 – DeRidder, Dry Creek, Hyatt, Merryville, Ragley, Singer, and Sugartown (Pugh, Jennings B. “The Development of Public Education in Beauregard Parish: A Thesis.” 1939; ereserves.mcneese.edu).
The early schools served families within a few miles of the site. Children either walked, rode horses, or drove buggies and wagons to school. The first form of school transportation provided by the school board was in 1915. Wagonettes—horse-drawn, covered wagons with benches—transported children to and from school provided that children lived more than two miles from school.

The Beauregard Training School was opened in DeRidder in 1920, one of 107 such schools across the south, for the purpose of educating African-American students on the secondary level and training African-American school teachers. The Beauregard Training School was also the only opportunity for African-American students in the parish to receive a high school education, and students either boarded in DeRidder or were bused from various surrounding communities to the school (Beauregard Daily News, Lenora Sez, July 4, 2004).

Beauregard Parish has been in the forefront of Louisiana education over the years. Citizens have placed a high priority on having and maintaining an exceptional school system. The public has supported every tax measure for schools since 1913 with the exception of a handful, with those being passed in subsequent elections.

Today, the link between public schools and the community remains strong with hundreds of citizens volunteering time in classrooms and schools across the parish, citizens supporting bond issues for new and upgraded facilities and technology, and 62 businesses supporting our schools through the Partner in Education Program.

For 105 years, schools in Beauregard Parish have offered the best to its children because the people have placed a high priority on education. Today, 518 professional educators and 340 support staff educate 5,983 students in 12 parish schools, continuing the legacy of excellence in public education in Beauregard Parish.
Measures of Excellence
ATTENDANCE

Beauregard parents are keenly aware of the impact daily attendance has on success in school. Our school system has both the facilities and the staffing necessary to deliver a quality education for children who are in attendance. Despite the most sincere efforts to make up work, there is no substitute for participation in discussions, activities, recitations, note-taking, observations, and shared responsibilities.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Beauregard Parish schools have ranked high in the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) since its implementation in 1999. The State Department of Education is transitioning to a new accountability program, LEAP 2025, with a focus on moving students toward “Mastery” and using progress as one indicator in performance scores.

Each year the Department of Education gives each school district a District Performance Score (DPS) to indicate the district’s overall achievement in the accountability program. The 2018 District Performance Score for Beauregard Parish was 83.8 points with a “B” letter grade for the district overall. Beauregard improved its score under both the old scoring formula, showing an increase of 2.2 points, and also under the new scoring formula, showing an increase of 2.4 points.

Under the new scoring formula, every school in Beauregard Parish increased or maintained its letter grade over last year, and eleven schools increased their total earned points from the previous year. Two schools earned an “A,” seven schools earned a “B,” and three schools earned a “C.” No schools received a “D” or “F” letter grade.

Six schools earned an “A” in their Progress scores: Carver Elementary, DeRidder High School, East Beauregard Elementary, K.R. Hanchey Elementary, Pine Wood Elementary, and Singer High School. One school in the district, DeRidder High School, was designated “Equity Honoree” by outperforming 90% of schools across the state in three sub-groups -- Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners, and/or Economically Disadvantaged.

Additionally, Beauregard Parish earned the fourth highest graduation rate in the state with a 94.7 percent, remaining among the top ten districts for the twelfth year. Beauregard is one of only twenty districts in the state to score above a 90 percent graduation rate and has done so for five consecutive years. The 2018 cohort ACT composite score was 19.6, the fourteenth highest in the state.
Under the new 150 point scale being used for the 2018 assessments, districts and school scores designate the following: 90-150=A; 75-99.9=B; 60-74.9=C; 50-59.9=D; and 0-49.9=F. Beauregard Parish schools scored the following:

2018 Accountability Scores

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LEAP 2025/End of Course Testing

The LEAP 2025/End-of-Course (EOC) tests are designed to measure whether students have mastered the knowledge, skills, and abilities at the end of certain high school courses. The content of the assessments is based on the Louisiana Student Standards as defined by the State Department of Education.

High school testing is designed to ensure consistent and rigorous instruction and high academic expectations throughout Louisiana high schools. Tests are given to high school students in the following subjects: LEAP 2025 tests—English I, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, and U.S. History and End-of-Course tests—English III and Biology. Students who entered ninth grade before the 2017-2018 school year are required to take the English III EOC as part of their graduation requirement. Students who entered as freshmen in the fall of 2017 take the English I test as part of their graduation requirement. The English III EOC will be phased out. The Biology EOC is being phased out and will be replaced by the LEAP 2025 Biology test for the 2018-2019 school year.

American College Test and WorkKeys

The ACT Assessment Program is a comprehensive evaluative, guidance, and placement service for students involved in the transition from high school to college. The academic tests which make up the ACT measure abilities in traditional academic areas—English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. The test is used to determine TOPS scholarship awards and entrance into college.

For the 2017-2018 school year, the State Department of Education required that the ACT series be administered to students in the eleventh grade. The ACT test results for high school students are a requirement for the state evaluation scores for district and school performance scores.

Beauregard Parish scored among the top fourteen districts in the state for the highest 2018 ACT composite score, with a 19.6 overall composite score for the cohort.
For the 2018 cohort, students were able to take the ACT WorkKeys test and earn credit towards accountability measures and diploma endorsements by scoring Silver or above. Students must take the ACT one time for their WorkKeys test scores to count. This was the third year that Jump Start students had the opportunity to utilize WorkKeys for post-secondary requirements. A total of 252 Beauregard students taking WorkKeys passed at the Silver or above rate.

Beauregard Parish high schools conduct ACT and WorkKeys preparatory activities in order to help students master the tests. Students in the district can take Basic Career Readiness through business classes and the Beauregard Virtual Program which incorporate WorkKeys preparation modules. Some high schools offer ACT Preparation, a one-half credit elective course to help high school students prepare to succeed on the American College Test. Students learn to recognize and understand the way questions are formatted on the test and to deal with the time constraints associated with each section of the test. They also receive actual test-taking experience in the classroom before having to take the exam.

**GRADUATION/SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

In the spring of 2018, a total of 455 high school seniors received diplomas in ceremonies at the parish’s five high schools. They received $9,455,735 in scholarships as well as additional financial aid for post-secondary study. Two-hundred fifty-six graduates qualified for TOPS scholarships.

**SENIOR SCHOLARS’ BANQUET**

Graduating seniors from across the parish are recognized at graduation ceremonies. The valedictorian, salutatorian, and other outstanding seniors were honored along with their parents at the 33rd annual Beauregard Parish Senior Scholars’ Banquet on May 8, 2018. The 150 guests of honor maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average throughout high school and/or ranked as valedictorian or salutatorian. Medallions to recognize the students’ achievements were presented by school board members.
The Principal of the Year Awards Program is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Education, Excellent Educators Award Program. The annual event is designed to honor outstanding elementary, middle, and high school principals throughout the state. Those nominated in each district must serve in a school setting where commitment to excellence is clearly evident, where programs have been designed to meet the academic and social needs of the students, and where ties with parents and local businesses have been established. Larry Hollie (left) was chosen as the 2017-2018 Beauregard Parish High School Principal of the Year. Theresa Harlow was selected as the 2017-2018 Beauregard Parish Elementary Principal of the Year. Each was recognized at a Beauregard Parish School Board meeting and presented with a plaque in commemoration of this honor.

The Teacher of the Year Program is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Education Excellent Educators Award Program, and the teachers are nominated at three levels: elementary, middle school, and high school. Teachers selected for the 2017-2018 program exemplified the characteristics and qualities in their professional endeavors which make them worthy of the title “Teacher of the Year.” Teachers were nominated by their peers at the school level to represent the parish in the Teacher of the Year program. DeAnna McGregor (seated from left) was chosen as the Beauregard Parish Elementary Teacher of the Year. Alayna Jones was selected as the Beauregard Parish Junior High Teacher of the Year. Scotti Vige’ was named the Beauregard Parish High School Teacher of the Year. The teachers were presented at a meeting of the Beauregard Parish School Board and given a plaque. The Teachers of the Year are also honored at the annual scholars’ banquet (representative standing in photo). Fort Polk Progress, Ingevity, PCA, and Solinksy & Associates gave each teacher a monetary award for their accomplishments, and the Greater Beauregard Area Chamber of Commerce...
SUPPORT PERSONS OF THE YEAR

The Support Persons of the Year program is sponsored by the State Department of Education to honor support personnel in the parish schools. Each school nominates a support person and three parish winners are chosen, one each from elementary, middle, and high school levels. Candidates must display outstanding leadership qualities which motivate others and demonstrate achievement above and beyond their job description. They must also exhibit professionalism, dedication, and good rapport with students, parents, and colleagues. Education in Beauregard Parish depends on those support personnel who work in school offices, clean the schools, drive buses, keep the playgrounds safe, and feed our children nutritious meals.

The 2017-2018 Beauregard Parish Outstanding Support Persons of the Year were Della Brand of Pine Wood Elementary for the elementary level (photos from left), April Walters of DeRidder Junior High School for the junior high level, and Barbara Lisotta of South Beauregard High School for the high school level. Each was presented to the Beauregard Parish School Board by his/her principal and given a plaque in commemoration of the honor.

FACULTY CREDENTIALS

The excellent performance of our students is due in large part to our qualified and caring teachers and administrators. While ‘caring’ might not be easily measured, consider these qualifications of our 517 teachers, administrators, and instructional support staff:

- All instructional personnel are certified by the Louisiana Department of Education
- 7 hold Educational Specialist Degrees
- 32 hold Masters plus 30 Degrees
- 153 hold a Masters Degree in Education or Administration
- Eleven have been named National Board Certified Teachers
- Three have been named National Board Certified School Counselors
- One has been named National Board Certified School Social Worker
- Two have been named National Board Certified Educational Diagnosticians
PARISH STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

The Student of the Year program is sponsored annually by the Louisiana Department of Education to recognize outstanding students in the fifth, eighth, and twelfth grades. Students are selected to represent their school through a writing and interview process. Students must have earned a 3.5 grade point average or above over a three year period and exemplify leadership and community involvement. School level winners participate in the parish program, and those winners progress to the regional level program. One student at each level is recognized as the Parish Student of the Year.

The 2017-2018 Parish Students of the Year are (from left) Natalie Burnaman, Beauregard Parish Junior High Student of the Year, Colten Denning, Beauregard Parish High School Student of the Year, and Tiffany Kim, Beauregard Parish Elementary Student of the Year. Each was presented a plaque and recognized by the school board.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

The sponsors of student government organizations at parish high schools nominate one junior from each high school as a potential representative to the school board. The student representative attends meetings and provides input, especially on matters concerning students in the parish schools. The representative is selected by a committee of the Student Council sponsors and the current Student Representative. This was the 26th year for the student bodies of the parish to have a non-voting representative on the board.

Tabitha Deer (left) the 2017 representative, presented Maili Bartz, the 2018 representative, with her name plate as the seat changed hands at the January board meeting.
Programs
of
Excellence
CREATIVE ARTS

Beauregard students are introduced to the arts through programs which include music, visual, and theater arts. They begin with arts as enrichment in elementary grades. Music theory and practice, and visual art concepts are begun in junior high years. Some high schools offer drama clubs that stage plays.

All elementary schools have vocal music classes, and choral programs are effective in junior high schools. Five schools in the parish have well-developed, productive band programs with approximately 800 students enrolled in junior high and high school bands. Both band and choral students participate in district and state music festivals with many advancing to multi-state or national competitions.

Eight Beauregard schools offer art classes, and students participate in numerous local, state, and national competitions as well as exhibit works in the Louisiana School Boards Art Contest. Seventh through twelfth grade art students submitted works for the annual Superintendent’s Holiday Greeting Card Contest, and many participated in the Youth Art Month exhibit at the RAD (RealArt DeRidder) Gallery.

Yearbook production is an important learning activity in most schools, and a survey of fine arts elective is offered in high schools to prepare students for scholarship competition and advanced study in universities.

Poetry and other forms of creative writing are an integral part of the language arts program in elementary, middle, and high schools. Students in first through twelfth grades are invited to submit original works to Beauregard Students Write, which has been published annually since 1971 by the school system.

LEARNING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

The use of technology in classrooms is an essential part of education today. We have placed over 4,000 devices in classrooms/labs throughout the parish. This gives us a 1:2 device-to-student ratio within the parish.

General funds and/or other grant monies are being spent annually in addition to bond funds to update and provide new technological equipment and software for teacher and student use.

Students have access to computer courses such as ACT Preparation, Business Computer Applications, Computer Multimedia Presentation, Computerized Accounting, English, Keyboarding, Library Science, and Publications. Articulated credit with Louisiana technical colleges for students who complete Accounting I, Business Law, and Keyboarding provides technical college credit for these courses. Students also have access to Beauregard Virtual School courses for original credit and credit recovery.

Beauregard Parish school libraries K-12 provide students with computer laboratories with Internet access and printers, as well as iPads, video projectors, lap-tops, visual presenters and other appropriate hardware and software for student and teacher use. Science departments afford students access to computers, printers, Elmos, and video microscopes. Selected English and social studies classrooms equipped with computers and large-screen instructional technology equipment provide specialized learning activities for students. Most teachers also use Promethean Boards, iPads, and projectors as a part of daily class instruction.

Additional technology laboratories, including writing labs, iPads, Title I labs, business labs, and mobile labs, expose students to state-of-the-art technology. Mini-labs consisting of four to five computers and a printer have
been placed in certain classrooms across the parish providing students and teachers with immediate access to iPad and computer technology in the classroom setting. Technology funds have been provided through parish bonds as well as state and federal grants.

A Technology Training Center staffed by a Computer Instructional Specialist is available for training teachers and other school board employees in computer literacy and the use of specialized software and other technological equipment being integrated into the classroom settings. Teachers have the opportunity to participate in the technology center or online from their home to increase their knowledge and understanding of technology for classroom use. These programs provide an intense, content-rich staff development for teachers with examples of effective technology-based strategies that support classroom curriculum.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Libraries in twelve schools house a combined total of approximately 166,000 books. Each year new reference, shelf books, and e-books are added to the library collections through state, federal, and local funding. A number of gift books are donated each year by parents and other community persons.

In addition to the written word, school libraries have Destiny Library Manager and computer labs with Internet access as well as appropriate peripherals, hardware, software, and proper hookups. Students access materials and information using library computers for research and other assignments.

Additional instructional and media materials available for student and teacher use in Beauregard Parish school libraries include iPads, e-readers, overhead projectors, multi-media projectors, visual presenters, multimedia programs, and online database resource networks such as the EBSCOhost, World Book Online, and Gale Virtual Reference Library.

Instructional television programming is available to all teachers through the Louisiana Public Broadcasting Directory of Educational Services. Discovery Education, a web-based digital video delivery system with more than 20,000 video clips, provides an additional service for educators.
**PBIS PROGRAM**

The Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program was in place for all Beauregard Parish schools during the 2017-2018 school year. The PBIS program is a state-mandated data driven system that addresses student behaviors. Expectations place an emphasis on a school-wide system of support including proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments.

School PBIS teams consisting of the principal, assistant principal of discipline, counselors, pupil appraisal staff, and teachers formulate positive behavior plans that are specifically designed to meet the discipline needs of each school.

In each phase of the program, the team sets expectations for school-wide and classroom behavior which are coupled with rewards for students who meet the expectations. This approach provides a way for every student to be recognized for appropriate behavior. The incentives motivate the students to follow the rules and exhibit expected behavior.

**DRUG EDUCATION**

Beauregard Parish provides a drug education program for all students in grades K-12. Beauregard Parish Sheriff’s deputies and DeRidder City Police officers teach DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) in grades five and seven. Character education and conflict resolution skills are also taught.

Peer leadership activities are an important component of the program in the middle and high school grades. Some active groups are Peer Leaders for grades seven and eight and high school and junior high chapters of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). Sixteen hours of drug education are compulsory for all students in grades K-9, with eight hours for grades 10-12, and one hour for all employees.

A number of parish clubs, organizations, businesses, and industries contribute to informative programs to enable students to deal with concerns and problems and avoid reliance on drugs. Community groups also provide motivational speakers during Substance Abuse Awareness Month, Red Ribbon Week, and the Safe Prom/Graduation effort. Motivational presentations are provided for junior high and high school students, and Harvey Rabbit makes an annual visit to K-5 students.

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

Nine hundred students participate in sports as part of the extra-curricular program afforded those attending Beauregard schools. Every high school in the parish and a separate junior high school have basketball programs open to all who qualify.

Five schools field football teams with approximately 310 student athletes participating. Other sports with varsity competition include golf, baseball, softball, track, cross country, tennis, and soccer. Each school schedules athletic banquets to honor outstanding students.

Two schools, DeRidder High School and South Beauregard High School, met the criteria for a Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC), and the Department of Defense approved the program for the 2017-2018 school year. The programs have re-
received the “JROTC Honor Unit” award.

The sixteenth annual Beauregard Physical Fitness Meet for elementary students was held at South Beauregard Elementary in the spring. Thirty-two 11-year-old students competed in seven fitness events. Students are presented medallions and t-shirts. Winners advanced to the state competition in Baton Rouge.

COLLEGE CREDIT

High school students have several opportunities to earn college credit through successful completion of courses taught by Beauregard teachers and college professors in the public school setting. Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes were eligible to take AP examinations which were forwarded to the College Board for scoring, and grades were sent to colleges/universities for appropriate credit and placement to be determined.

Beauregard Parish students also earned college credit hours in English 101, 102, 203, and 204, Mathematics 113, 170, and 231, History 101, 102, 201, and 202, and Psychology 101 through the McNeese State University Early Admissions program, established to provide eligible high school students with an opportunity to get a head start in college. Through this program, students who meet the required criteria are able to become dually enrolled in a high school class and a college class simultaneously. MSU professors travel to schools to teach high school students in coordination with school schedules. Some courses are offered via compressed video and facilitated through the BPSB technology department while others are taught by Beauregard Parish teachers who meet the strict requirements of MSU for accreditation in their subject specialty. This McNeese off-campus program was established in Beauregard Parish in 1999.

Approximately 1,540 credit hours were earned by Beauregard Parish students in dual enrollment classes at MSU during the 2017-2018 school year. Additionally, students participated in classes at Sowela Technical Community College both as dual enrollment students and full time attendees. Overall, 165 students participated in dual enrollment classes during the school year.

BEAUREGARD VIRTUAL PROGRAM

The Beauregard Virtual Program (BVP) is an online program of study open for enrollment to high school students in a Beauregard Parish public school. This alternative learning environment is designed to meet the needs of students who desire to pursue their education in part or entirely through distance learning. It includes a variety of virtual courses aligned with the state standards offering a full curriculum to earn a Louisiana high school diploma. Courses can be taken for original credit or credit recovery. Students with scheduling restraints, medical or mobile issues, or a variety of other situations may choose to enroll. Each student is assigned a certified Beauregard Parish educator as an academic mentor who helps oversee coursework completion.
CAREER & TECHNICAL TRAINING

Beauregard Parish students enrolled in Career and Technical programs are afforded opportunities to work toward post-secondary credits and develop skills necessary for the working world. Articulation agreements with Lamar Salter Technical College, Sowela Technical Community College, and Sabine Valley Technical College campuses of the Louisiana Technical College System allow students to earn high school credits and certain technical college credits which they can apply toward certifications or degree programs after graduation. Industrial Based Certifications are also available in business, agriscience, and family and consumer science programs.

Students are given the opportunity to attend Sowela their senior year. The program, called STEPS (Senior Technical Education Program at Sowela), allows students the opportunity to complete core coursework and receive dual credit for their classes, earning both high school units and a year of post-secondary education at the same time.

The JumpStart program is a Department of Education initiative designed for public-private partners to help develop innovative courses of study and work-placed based experience that lead to Jump Start credentials in the Career Diploma Track. Beauregard Parish schools offered NCCER Electrical I & II, NCCER Core, NCCER Carpentry, NCCER Welding, Customer Service, Restaurant Gold, OSHA 10, and CIW Foundations courses/certifications for the third year of the program. Night classes were offered in NCCER Electrical and AWS Welding for the second year. Sixteen students successfully completed the AWS Welding Summer Program in its first year of implementation.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Beauregard Parish employs 16 certified guidance counselors who are assigned at each school, secondary and elementary. Counselors serve as a resource for students in planning their elementary and high school programs and selecting and preparing for college and vocational careers. In addition to individual and group counseling, they promote safety and well-being in the schools through character education, bullying prevention, and positive behavior support. They assist students with transitions from one grade level to another and from one school to another as well as facilitate adjustments for transfer students. Counselors are responsible for Individual Graduation Plans for each student, eighth through twelfth grades. They meet with students in eighth grade to create a plan and revisit that plan each school year until graduation. Families of seniors are guided in completing the FAFSA as students transition to life beyond high school. Staff development activities are held periodically to address such topics as anger in youth, bullying prevention, suicide prevention, and parenting skills.

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Beauregard students consistently excel in regional and state social studies and science fairs as a result of independent study based on original research under the guidance of their classroom teachers. Beauregard schools also participate in literary rallies, Beta Club, JROTC, MathCounts, FCCLA, Student Government Association, Forestry, 4-H, band, and other competitions with students advancing to state levels and beyond.
**TITLE I**

Title I is a federally funded program which provides personnel, supplies, and equipment to students in grades K-5. This program gives students the opportunity to work on reading and math skills through prescriptive computerized and individual instruction.

Currently, there are eight Title I schools in the district: K.R. Hanchey Elementary, Carver Elementary, Pine Wood Elementary, East Beauregard Elementary, Singer High School, Merryville High School, South Beauregard Elementary, and South Beauregard Upper Elementary.

Computer labs have been upgraded with hardware and software at the Title I schools. Math and reading software along with educational-specific programs such as Success Maker and Brain Pop provide students with reinforcement of skills. The Accelerated Reader Program is used to enhance reading skills in all Title I schools. This program is a highly motivational, computer-based reading process and allows each student to move at his or her own pace and level of ability. Recognition is given to students and incentives are awarded for performance in reaching their goals.

A major emphasis of Title I is parental engagement. A variety of activities involving parents takes place at schools throughout the year including Family Reading Night, Math and Science Night, and LEAP 2025 nights. In addition, K.R. Hanchey and Carver utilize their Title I computer labs for parents to participate in activities with their children at specified times during the school year.

Professional development for teachers and instructional aides are other important facets of the Title I program. Training is provided through local, state, and regional in-services for parish personnel.

The Title I program in Beauregard Parish consists of providing services for homeless children and youth and English learners, ensuring that these students have equal access to the same appropriate public education as provided to other children and youth. A homeless liaison coordinates services with schools and community resources as described in the Title I, ESSA.

**HONOR BANDS**

The Honor Bands Concert celebrated its 33rd year. Outstanding student musicians from bands throughout the parish are chosen each year to perform as members of the parish junior high and high school honor bands in a concert at the DeRidder High School auditorium, held on February 2, 2018. Two guest conductors-clinicians directed 180 students in two day sessions and in the Honor Bands Concerts’ thirty-third annual presentation. The band programs in Beauregard Parish continually excel at marching and concert festivals, and several students advance to district and state honor bands as well as excel in the State Solo and Ensemble competition.

**BEAUREGARD STUDENTS WRITE**

A collection of prose and poetry written by parish students, *Beauregard Students Write*, is published and distributed to school libraries, to the authors, and to their teachers. This anthology of student writers from grades one through twelve is representative of the writers’ skills. The selections are submitted by teachers and reflect work from classroom experience. Students’ artwork and illustrations are included in the publication, published by the Central Office since the project began in 1971.
PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Pre-school programs are offered in Beauregard Parish schools to boost the readiness of pre-school children. Young children who meet the criteria of the programs are afforded a developmentally appropriate, literacy-rich curriculum. Ongoing experiences and activities, both age and level appropriate, are carefully provided to children from 3-5 years of age to focus on individual needs, interests, and cultural diversity. The Model Early Childhood preschool program is provided at East Beauregard Elementary and K.R. Hanchey Elementary, each serving four-year old students.

The Beauregard Parish school system has been designated as the Community Network Lead Agency under Louisiana’s plan to unify early childhood educational programs. The plan calls for a fully unified early childhood system to ensure that all children enter kindergarten ready for school. The program mandates a locally-managed enrollment system to coordinate information, eligibility, applications, and matches for the Community Network. The Lead Agency must identify all infants-to-age-five children attending and in need of publically-funded child care and education, coordinate enrollment through a unified enrollment and funding application process, and assume responsibility for the Tracking of Time Services (TOTS) system to ensure that families can enroll in TOTS during business hours five days a week at a central location.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education department provides supplemental educational services to over 900 students, ages 3-21, who are identified with disabilities in the following areas: Autism, developmental delay, emotionally disturbed, gifted, hearing impaired, learning disabled, intellectually disabled, orthopedically impaired, severe language disordered, speech impaired, and visually impaired. In addition to specialized instruction, related services are provided in the areas of counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, orientation and mobility training, and speech therapy.

PUPIL APPRAISAL

Pupil appraisal services are performed by multi-disciplinary teams consisting of educational diagnosticians, social workers, and school psychologists. Pupil appraisal staff, including related service staff, provide screening services and diagnostic evaluations for students with learning problems, adjustment problems, or other special needs. The staff works with parents, teachers, and other school personnel for placement of students in the most appropriate learning environment and assists in the development and implementation of educational interventions.

504 ACCOMMODATION

The 504 program is a part of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and is closely aligned with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Both of these acts reflect anti-discrimination legislation for persons with an identified disability that substantially limits a major life function. Students with identified disabilities who do not meet special education eligibility guidelines may be eligible for a 504 plan that outlines a system of accommodations. Following a step-by-step process articulated in district and state-level procedures, School Building Level Committees at each school evaluate and plan for students needing 504 accommodations to access instructional programs.

DYSLEXIA PROGRAM

Louisiana legislation requires identification of students with characteristics of dyslexia. Students identified with characteristics of dyslexia are served in regular class settings through small group instruction using multi-sensory methodology and a phonics-based reading program. Students whose characteristics impact instruction to a significant extent are referred for further evaluation by the School Building Level Committee to the district’s pupil appraisal team as possibly needing special education services.
PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

In 1993, the Beauregard Area Chamber of Commerce started a Partners in Education Program jointly with the School Board to encourage Beauregard’s businesses and civic leaders to invest in the future by investing in the children of the parish. The goal of the Partners in Education Program is for business and industry to contribute to building a climate of excellence in the Beauregard Parish school system. This year, sixty-two local businesses and industries participated with the parish schools in this program.

2017-2018 Partners in Education

CARVER ELEMENTARY
- Dairy Queen
- First National Bank
- Grace Church
- Sunshine Groceries
- Wendy’s

DERIDDER HIGH SCHOOL
- City of DeRidder
- Ingevity
- Paws & Claws Animal Hospital, Inc.
- R.C. Paving
- Randy Brown—CPA
- Steamboat Bill’s
- Solinsky Group

DERIDDER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
- Barksdale Federal Credit Union
- Beauregard Daily News
- Beauregard Pediatrics & Internal Medicine
- CLECO
- Coldwell Banker Elite
- Dumont Management
- Ingevity

EAST BEAUREGARD ELEMENTARY
- All American Painting & Dry Wall
- Circle C Farm and Ranch
- Glenn Dean Insurance
- Grace Church
- Green’s Chevrolet
- HWY 171 Nissan
- Pedestal Bank
- Ray Vaughn—State Farm
- Shannon’s Home Furnishings
- Wendy’s

EAST BEAUREGARD HIGH SCHOOL
- Beauregard Health System
- Cameron Communications
- Circle C Farm and Ranch
- East Beauregard Lions Club
- Grace Church
- Pedestal Bank

K.R. HANCHEY ELEMENTARY
- Barksdale Federal Credit Union
- Beauregard Physical Therapy
- City of DeRidder
- Dumont Management
- Eat-a-Bite
- First Federal Bank

BEAUREGARD ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
- Beauregard Parish Sheriff’s Department
- Beauregard-Vernon Sunshine Rotary Club
- Fox’s Pizza Den
- Grace Church
- NAPA

Partners in Education with BAP deliver items for teacher appreciation.
The Beauregard Parish School Board employs nine Registered Nurses (RN) who are involved in a number of activities to keep students healthy. Nurses provide health care to all students as well as emergency care to staff and visitors on the school campus. Aspects of school health services include: emergency medical care, chronic medical management, medication administration, health promotion, specialized health procedures, training and education of school personnel, and being a liaison between school personnel, families, the community, and health providers.

Students are screened for vision and hearing problems, chronic health problems, and immunization records. Nurses perform health assessments and vision and hearing screenings for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students, and students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, and any referral. All students’ immunization records are assessed annually.

School nurses attended to 33,923 student health care concerns including writing 1,166 Individualized Health Care Plans. They also completed 8,896 screenings for vision and hearing as well as other health care concerns. The nurses assisted with student medical issues and taught self-breast examination courses to twelfth grade girls.

School nurses teach students, parents, and employees about such issues as ADHD, allergies, CPR/AEDs training for personnel, hygiene, nutrition, medications, mental health, universal precautions, and infection control. They participated in medication and health procedure updates as well as state conferences.
CHILD NUTRITION

The goal of Beauregard Parish School Food Services is to provide well-balanced meals that help students develop good nutritional habits. Menus are alternated on a five-week rotation and students in third grade and up are offered choices of items in the lunch line. Milk choices are offered to all students. During the 2017-2018 school year, an average of 3,534 students and staff participated for lunch and breakfast each day. Total lunches served were 419,639 and total breakfasts served were 211,141.

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Department is responsible for repair and upkeep of the properties owned by the Beauregard Parish School Board. As a result of the efforts of the maintenance personnel, teaching and learning tasks are fostered in safe, comfortable, and well-functioning schools. The work crew consists of one foreman, two carpenters, one air-conditioning specialist, one plumber, one licensed electrician, one painter, and five helpers.

TRANSPORTATION

Beauregard Parish operates 77 bus routes each school day. All buses are board-owned. All drivers attend eight hours of in-service training during the school year, studying topics related to student safety and driver effectiveness. New drivers, including substitute/activity drivers, complete 30 hours of classroom study and 10 hours of on-the-bus driving in preparation for transporting students.

Beauregard Parish operates its own bus maintenance facility with one shop foreman, one mechanic, and one mechanic’s assistant. All board-owned buses are inspected at least twice yearly and undergo maintenance through this facility to ensure properly functioning equipment. An AFC fuel station is in place on the premises. A large classroom is also available for bus driver inservices.
Fiscal Excellence
TAXPAYER SUPPORT

Voters have made it possible for our students to have an excellent public education system by approving locally generated taxes which are combined with state and federal funds. Local funds for the operation of our schools are provided by a 2% sales tax and 31.83 mills property tax. Additionally, 17.8 mills property tax is used for retirement of bonded indebtedness for building, renovating, and maintaining our school facilities and purchasing classroom-based technology. Sales tax revenue is used to supplement the salaries of all school employees.

Excess local sales tax revenues made possible two salary supplements paid to all employees and retirees in December 2017 and June 2018. The December 2017 supplement totaled $3,023,821.45 and the June 2018 supplement totaled $2,099,033.93. The total excess sales tax distribution was $5,122,855.38. A total of 922 employees and 605 retirees benefited from the supplements.
Actual Expenditures FYE 2018
All Funds Except School Activity Funds

Total Expenditures $65,603,082

- Facility Acq. Const - <1% 774,864
- General Admin - 2% 1,346,814
- Other - 3% 1,652,323
- Inst Staff Support - 4% 2,679,808
- Food/Community Ser - 5% 3,006,599
- Pupil Support - 5% 3,567,392
- School Admin - 6% 3,864,766
- Pupil Transportation - 6% 3,931,572
- Debit Service - 7% 4,466,639
- Maint (Plant) - 9% 5,931,575
- Instruction - 53% 34,380,730
School Activity Fund
Total Receipts & Expenses by Fund Type
FYE 2018
Cash Basis

Receipts - $2,742,626
- General Fund: $361,818 (13%)
- Athletic Fund: $877,494 (30%)
- Restricted Fund: $1,503,314 (57%)

Expenses - $2,649,681
- General Fund: $361,818 (13%)
- Athletic Fund: $877,494 (30%)
- Restricted Fund: $1,503,314 (57%)