ONE TEAM | ONE MISSION
CONGRATULATING OUR 2020 National Merit Scholars
Developing the leaders of tomorrow

IT HAS BEEN the highest honor and privilege to serve as Superintendent of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System these past five years. I have been blessed to work with a values-driven, knowledgeable, progressive and student-centered administrative team and school board. This district is home to over 41,000 students making us the second largest school system in the state and every day we remain steadfast in our mission of developing students into the leaders of tomorrow.

Our students deserve the best and we are committed to educating them in a 21st-century learning environment. We are building state-of-the-art facilities and developing revolutionary magnet, gifted, and career and college pathways. With enhanced programming and 1:1 technology offerings, we are closing the achievement gap and positioning our students for success.

Most importantly, our students must be prepared for life after they leave us. We are dedicated to ensuring all children, regardless of economic status, have the opportunity to succeed on college placement exams. All high school students are issued the ACT and dual enrollment courses free of charge. As a result of our dedication to college and career readiness, the district’s graduation rate has shown a 5.7% increase from the previous year and marks the district’s highest graduation rate over the past 10 years.

This success wouldn’t be possible without the devotion of our highly qualified and hardworking educators and employees, along with exceptional support from parents and community stakeholders. Together, we will continue to provide a variety of award-winning programs, services and opportunities to meet each and every unique interest and need in a welcoming and safe environment. Our continued focus is on shaping the whole child through character building, fine arts, athletics and rigorous academics.

Whether you are a current parent or student, or have never visited your local public schools, I encourage you to take a deeper look at everything the East Baton Rouge Parish School System has to offer you and your family. We take tremendous pride in ‘Building the Future of Baton Rouge,’ and we hope you will join us on our journey to success.
“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

—Malcolm X
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Preschoolers benefit from early childhood education

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS ARE IMPORTANT TOOLS FOR YOUNGSTERS

Most kindergarten teachers would agree: Children who attend preschool are better prepared socially and academically. Without looking at school records, they can tell which kids attend preschool by the level at which they play with their classmates, behave in the classroom, and perform in pre-reading skills and math concepts.

Early childhood education helps children develop key skills such as sharing, cooperating, resolving conflicts, and being independent. These social and emotional tools help prepare them for kindergarten and life in general. Fortunately, young children in the EBRP School System can take advantage of this forward-thinking strategy. Thanks to partnerships with LPB, Knock Knock Museum, the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Capital Area United Way, Family Services of Greater Baton Rouge, Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge, Volunteers of America-Partnerships in Childcare, and countless others, local students attend kindergarten on track and on time.

The Louisiana Department of Education developed the Early Childhood Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) and has implemented key strategies to ensure that more children enter kindergarten ready to succeed. EBR’s participating schools are rated proficient and climbing, and their teachers receive numerous professional development training opportunities. This ensures cutting edge instruction from highly trained and motivated teachers in loving and caring environments. Parents might assume the wait lists for these programs are daunting, but EBR has implemented a structured and efficient system, but in fact, schools share the wait lists, so when a family applies to one school, they are registered in the system for recommendations or recruitment to other schools if their first choice is full.

EBRP’s network is one of the largest in the state and serves more than 5,000 students. Visit ebrschools.org to learn more about early childhood programs or visit the early childhood website at ebrearlychildhood.com

EBR Community Network Members

- 44 EBR elementary schools
- 2 City of Baker schools
- The Louisiana School for the Deaf & Visually Impaired
- 3 EBR Early Start centers
- 7 EBR Head Start centers
- 2 YWCA Head Start sites
- 87 child care centers
- 3 private/parochial schools
- 4 charter schools
Students becoming experts in fish and plant production

AQUAPONICS PROGRAM CULTIVATES PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

INNOVATION

“Our students communicate with schools across the country. We’re feeling like the experts and our students love that.”

—Lauraleigh Eddleman, teacher at Brookstown Middle School

AN AQUAPONICS PROGRAM now in two East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools is introducing students to a different way of growing crops, as well as teaching important problem-solving skills.

Aquaponics combines aquaculture, or raising fish, with hydroponics, the soil-less growing of plants. The fish and plants grow together in one integrated system, with the fish waste providing an organic food source for the plants, and the plants naturally filtering the water for the fish, according to Lauraleigh Eddleman, a teacher at Brookstown Middle School who helped develop the curriculum. In its third year, the program expanded this year to Istrouma High School.

Three years ago, Exxon Mobil donated the first aquaponics system to Brookstown Middle, along with an instructions manual, Eddleman says. The program lost its first three batches of fish, but with the help of experts at LSU, they were able to get up and running and produce 8,000 pounds of lettuce the first year, Eddleman says.

In aquaponics, bacteria play an important role, Eddleman says. The nitrifying bacteria convert ammonia from the fish waste first into nitrites, and then into nitrates. Nitrates are the form of nitrogen that the plants can uptake and use to grow.

At first, the bacteria levels were off and the fish died, she says. “The loss of the fish instigated a lot of concerns with the students. Every moment that was chaos became the best teaching moments you could imagine.”

In the second year, the program produced 42,000 pounds of lettuce. The cafeteria took the bulk of the lettuce for use in school lunches, Eddleman says. Along with donating the rest to community groups, students were also given two heads of lettuce to take home, and all faculty members also received lettuce. “I get calls back saying I’ve never tasted anything better,” she says.

In the program, students practice a variety of skills, including calculating complex math formulas, reading higher-level journal articles, engineering and construction, as well as technology and communication. As the students have gotten experience, they have also expanded the types of plants they are growing. Last year, they grew strawberries, and this year, students are growing celery. In the future, they would like to try to grow watermelon, Eddleman says.
Children creating their own world

TITLES, JOBS AND RESPONSIBILITIES EMPOWER AND INSPIRE STUDENTS

Imagine a city managed by children. It’s happening in classrooms across the country, including those at The Dufrocq School, where students live, work and learn in their own community called Crawfish Bayou.

It’s part of the MicroSociety model, which engages students in the fields of citizenship and government, humanities and the arts, technology and economics. Students design and build their own mini society by opening their own businesses, establishing government agencies, holding elections, and solving real-world problems.

Crawfish Bayou has a mayor, a town council, a peacekeeping force, a court system, a newspaper, a radio station, a Micro university, and for entertainment, a thespian society. The community has seen its share of challenges—from protests over tax hikes to a counterfeit scandal to a bank robbery. Every incident is an opportunity to learn skills such as problem-solving, collaboration and leadership.

Key to the program’s success is involvement by parents, community leaders and business volunteers. Teachers are trained to serve as advisors, but they allow the students to learn from experience.

The guiding principles of MicroSociety International include:
- Student voice and choice
- Entrepreneurial spirit
- Real world experiences
- Teachers as facilitators
- Partners as contributors

CITIZENSHIP

We don’t need to control children to get them to learn; we need to engage their minds. By making students accountable, we can convert challenges into opportunities for growth.

—MicroSociety International
A fine arts future that is colorful and bright

STUDENTS TURN IMAGINATION INTO REALITY

The award-winning faculty of the Fine Arts Department at EBRPSS likes to think that their work ensures students a future that is colorful and bright ... whether through dance, art, music or theater.

“Our educators are making a conscious effort to introduce students to the arts and nurture their unlimited creative potential,” says Fine Arts Director Sean Joffrion. “When students complement their studies with an education in the arts, it allows them to express themselves in an inviting and safe space. Not only are we paving the way for a future generation of artists, but we are shaping character, strengthening confidence and introducing new opportunities at home and abroad.”

Depending on the school, Fine Arts students have the chance to further their education in places like France, England, South Africa and China through an international travel program.

With more than 70 schools offering Fine Arts classes taught by more than 220 talented teachers, EBRPSS is placing a dedicated focus on the arts. On top of their talents, students are learning team building, critical thinking, problem-solving, and the gift of turning imagination into reality.

Visit EBRfinearts.com for more information, and join us as we continue to encourage our students to express themselves, to create, and to find their own path.

CREATIVITY

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—Sean Joffrion, Director of Fine Arts
Pathways to college or career

STUDENTS CAN GET TRAINING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, MEDICAL, MANUFACTURING AND SKILLED TRADES

FOR STUDENTS CHOOSING to enter the workforce after high school, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System wants to ensure they leave not only with a diploma, but also with the necessary credentials and training to land a high paying, in-demand job.

The system is working hard to change the perception that robust curriculum offerings are only available through magnet schools, says Ben Necaise, associate superintendent for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Typically, high school students choose between two tracks: the university track for students who intend to pursue a degree from a four-year university or the Jumpstart Pathway, which is more focused on preparing students for an associate degree and/or a career.

Students who choose the Jumpstart Pathway take the same core subjects of English, math, science and social studies during their freshman and sophomore years. During their junior and senior years, they are exempt from science or social studies courses, and instead use those slots for career courses in fields such as culinary, electrical, carpentry, HVAC, automotive, pre-nursing, EMT, cyber security and many others.

“Our focus has been to bring really good programming to all campuses,” Necaise says. “Students probably have more choices today than they’ve ever had.”

Today, EBR high schools offer between six and eight different programs where students earn a certification or credential that is either state or nationally recognized. Students have the option of taking dual-enrollment courses through Baton Rouge Community College. Many students earn college credit toward an associate degree while still in high school, Necaise says. The students also are earning a regular high school diploma.

In 2018, the school system opened a new $15 million EBR Career and Technical Education Center. The center allows students to attend their regular high school for a half-day and attend CTEC for a half-day, where there are programs in computer science/information technology, medical, manufacturing and skilled crafts.

“It’s a really unique environment. CTEC is the cutting edge,” Necaise says. “Our biggest challenge has been to educate students and parents that these pathways are really solid job opportunities.”

For example, students who pursue manufacturing courses are learning mostly robotics, and manufacturing businesses need technicians to program robots, Necaise says.

“In reality, it’s a much more technical, higher-wage job,” he says. “If you leave the automotive program, you’re going to start at a high wage and in a short time could be making six figures,” he adds.

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Building character and leadership

JUNIOR ROTC PREPARES STUDENTS TO EXCEL IN COLLEGE, CAREER, LIFE

IT’S A JOINT EFFORT between high schools and the U.S. Army, and it promotes important qualities in young people, including character education, achievement, wellness, leadership, and diversity. It is the U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and it fosters more constructive and disciplined school learning.

East Baton Rouge Parish School System boasts 10 JROTC programs that educate 1,516 students. Partnership schools include Belaire, Broadmoor, Glen Oaks, Istrouma, Lee, McKinley, Northeast, Scotlandville, Tara, and Woodlawn High School.

With each school’s support, students learn via a world-class, 21st-century technology and student-centered curriculum that consists of lessons in citizenship, leadership, social and communication skills, physical fitness and wellness, geography and civics.

JROTC continues to strive for educational excellence, expanding into the STEM activities such as robotics, with cybersecurity being the next initiative as we move forward in the 21st century.

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.

Students learn to make decisions that promote social, emotional and physical health and learn to 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 post-secondary education institution.

CHARACTER
JROTC provides lessons in citizenship, leadership, physical fitness, and social and communication skills, among others.
Exploring your options

IN ORDER TO HELP STUDENTS REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL, THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM OFFERS SEVERAL LEARNING MODELS. HERE ARE THE TYPES OF SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE, ALONG WITH SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF EACH.

Traditional neighborhood schools
Most parents are familiar with the traditional model of education—a classroom led by one teacher who focuses on basic school practices and expects mastery of academic learning in the core subjects of math, reading, writing, science and social studies. Many children benefit from and thrive in this model, which explains its widespread appeal. Traditional schools educate all children, creating a diverse population that encourages students to develop tolerant, respectful and accepting attitudes. Traditional schooling means that state-approved standards in all the curricular areas will be covered. Although these standards can vary from state to state, they are generally consistent by grade level so parents can be assured their children are exposed to what other students are learning.

Charter schools
Charter schools are designed to offer teachers, parents and the community an opportunity to create new public schools in response to community needs. The school district engages in proactive relationships and a value-added approach to all partner schools, providing them with oversight and accountability, while respecting their autonomy and uniqueness. The district monitors financial and academic performance through communication, site visits and data/document review. If the school fails to improve student outcomes, EBRPSS can intervene in several ways. High quality charter schools are another vehicle leading to students graduating with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to become active, successful members of a dynamic learning community.
LEARNING MODELS

Magnet programs
The EBR Parish Magnet Program offers 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. More than 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, pre-engineering, coding, robotics and entertainment technology. Several of the district’s magnet programs have been recognized as Blue Ribbon schools, and many receive yearly distinctions from Magnet Schools of America, including “School of Excellence” and “School of Distinction.”

Gifted and talented programs
Gifted children are known for their natural success in an academic setting, and EBRPSS provides these exceptional students with programs to fully develop their capabilities. Teaching practices include cognitive concepts that encourage students to make connections as they build their knowledge base. Coursework complexity extends beyond the curriculum offered in traditional classrooms. And class size is reduced in order to individualize each student’s educational experience. The Talented Arts Program works with students identified as talented in visual art, music or theatre, and enables them to grow as artists. The Scholastic Academy Program identifies potentially gifted students in pre-K through grade 12 and promotes critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and oral and written language skills.
Going the extra mile for every student

PROGRAMS IN OVER 66 SCHOOLS HELP STUDENTS FUNCTION AT THEIR HIGHEST LEVEL
ESL Program

THE PURPOSE OF the East Baton Rouge Parish English as a Second Language (ESL) program is to ensure that students who have been identified as English Learners (EL), including immigrant children and youth, attain English proficiency. The goal is for English Learners to develop high levels of academic attainment in English and meet the same challenging state academic content expected of all students. The ESL program provides instructional services to 66 schools and over 30 different languages are spoken throughout the district. The ESL department assists parents with registration among many other needs and provides professional development throughout the district.

Exceptional Student Services

THE EAST BATON Rouge Parish School System offers a wide variety of programs that are designed to provide quality education and equip all students with disabilities so they can function at their highest potential in a complex and changing society. The Exceptional Student Services department provides specialized instruction within approximately 76 schools and to over 4,300 students. This department ensures the provision of services to qualifying students from ages three to 21 years of age. With as many as 450 ESS teachers and paraprofessionals, services are provided to students with intellectual disabilities, (mild, moderate and severe) autism, specific learning disabilities, speech/language impairments, hearing and visual impairments, other health impairments, orthopedic impairments, and emotionally disturbed students. The extensive care offered encompasses occupational and physical therapy, counseling, adapted physical education, orientation and mobility, speech/language, and assistive technology for accessible educational materials. The Office of Exceptional Student Services seeks to improve the overall performance of students with disabilities and assist in narrowing the achievement gap by ensuring equal access to the curriculum and differentiated instruction in the least restrictive environment.

I CARE

FOR OVER 39 years, I CARE has provided service to EBR Schools and the Baton Rouge community. The I CARE program provides prevention education to students and staff in public, parochial, and private schools in the areas of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, violence, crisis response and management, and trauma-informed care. Using a three-tiered approach to prevention, the program focuses on individual student needs as well as group and classroom presentations and conversations. I CARE incorporates school-wide initiatives and believes in building strong partnerships to benefit school staff, students and families. Educating and empowering students, the I CARE program better equips students for a healthy, safe, and drug-free future. I CARE also offers professional development, trainings, and workshops for stakeholders - including parents, school resource officers and advocating community partners. Families are encouraged to consult with trained I CARE specialists on how to overcome the challenges of raising healthy, drug-free children.
BUILT IN 1967 and nestled in a quiet residential neighborhood, Audubon Elementary School is home to a diverse population of students, faculty, and staff who have enjoyed a long history of positive learning experiences. Audubon Elementary School’s traditional and Gifted Resource Programs offer students a wide variety of enriched academic experiences. Students are immersed in project-based thematic learning opportunities which result in school-wide activities and field trips to interesting sites. Reading and math intervention groups support a climate of differentiation. Students can participate in extracurricular offerings that include art, Spanish, computer lab, an in-house sports program, soccer, and Kids’ Orchestra.

Did you know?

We have monthly celebrations to recognize the exemplary behavior of our student body.
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. They benefit from instruction targeted to various learning styles and have ample opportunities to express themselves academically and creatively. The school believes that a strong basis in the creative arts infused throughout all academics will give students the necessary skills required to contribute to and interact effectively within the global society.

BRCVPA is an arts-integrated, free, public magnet school.

Express yourself academically and creatively!
**Baton Rouge Foreign Language Academic Immersion Magnet (FLAIM)**

4510 Bawell St. Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | 225.343.6630 | Brflaim.org

K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Cheryl Miller

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**Expanding minds through world languages**

**BATON ROUGE FOREIGN LANGUAGE ACADEMIC IMMERSION MAGNET (FLAIM)** is a K-5th grade international, national and state award-winning EBR public magnet school. FLAIM combines academic excellence with foreign language immersion in French, Mandarin or Spanish. In immersion programs, students learn academic subjects in another language. FLAIM students learn math, science and social studies in their target language. This successful approach of learning the language in an authentic, meaningful way mimics the way a child learns their native language.

**Did you know?**

FLAIM students learn French, Mandarin or Spanish.

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**THEATER**

**NATURE CLUBS**

**MUSIC**

**LANGUAGE**
BELFAIR MONTESSORI MAGNET SCHOOL is dedicated exclusively to students and learning. We believe in the incredible potential of every child and strive to create a holistic school environment that encourages and inspires this potential. We support our mission through low teacher-to-student ratios, family participation, multi-age classrooms, a diverse curriculum, and differentiated learning for each student. Belfair emphasizes academic excellence and discovery in an environment that nurtures each student to achieve their individual success by integrating Montessori education with Louisiana state standards. Our middle school program is a mixed-age Montessori community that fosters a Montessori approach to independence, adapted for the development of adolescents in a project-based learning environment.

Creating an individual path to learning
BERNARD TERRACE ELEMENTARY is committed to meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs of its students. The school offers an exemplary gifted program and accelerated classes. In addition, students can participate in many activities, including cheer, dance and soccer teams. Programs like Girls in Pearls, Boys to Men, and Student Council provide students with the fortitude and skills needed to follow their moral compass, confidence in their decision-making, and character to build a meaningful future.
Broadmoor Elementary School

9650 Goodwood Blvd. | 225.925.0343 | Ebrschools.org/broadmoorelementary

Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Lawrence Harris

BROADMOOR ELEMENTARY SEEKS TO create a challenging learning environment that encourages high expectations for success through instruction that allows for individual differences and learning styles. Our school promotes a safe, orderly, caring and supportive environment. Each student’s self-esteem is fostered by positive relationships with other students and staff. We strive to have our parents, teachers and community members actively involved in our students’ learning. Broadmoor faculty and staff work to provide students with the necessary knowledge, skills and values to not only transition to middle school, but also to become college- and career-ready.

Did you know?

We are committed to educate all students to their maximum potential.

Positive and rewarding relationships

MUSIC  MATH  ART  SCIENCE
Brownfields Elementary School

11615 Ellen Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70811  |  225.775.3527  |  Schools.ebrschools.org/brownfieldselementary

Pre-K-5  |  PRINCIPAL: Jo Cox

**Always reaching for excellence**

**THERE IS SUCH** a strong family connection that Brownfields has had students return 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. Brownfields’ vision is to be an A++ school where all stakeholders are engaged in providing a quality education for their children. The school strives to educate the whole child—academically, socially, and emotionally. Programs include Gifted and Talented Arts programs, partnerships with LSU Museum of Art, Manship Theatre, and Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge.

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Buchanan Elementary School
1222 E. Buchanan St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802 | 225.343.4585 | buchananbobcat.com
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Charlotte Britten

A long and rich history in Baton Rouge

FOUNDED IN 1955, we are proud of the programs and excellence Buchanan Elementary has nurtured for generations in Old South Baton Rouge and throughout the city. We pride ourselves on being a traditional and a gifted and talented school with a long and rich history of providing an accelerated and rigorous curriculum. In addition to offering an accelerated curriculum, we nurture the whole child. We offer strings, music, Junior Beta, Girls on the Run, chess, soccer, fitness teams and 25 clubs that include robotics as well as talented services to students in art, drama, and music.

Did you know?
We are recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education as a 2018 and 2019 Top Gains School.
WITH A DEDICATED staff of professionals and a supportive community, Capitol Elementary is justifiably proud of its reputation as a great example of public education. 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, teachers use a synergistic approach to teaching the STEAM disciplines. Art is incorporated as well. Capitol Elementary offers many after-school programs, including Kids’ Orchestra, STEM Club, Checkmate and Girls on the Run.

Did you know?
Our school was a 2018 Top Gains Honoree.
Achievement-oriented

IT’S ONE OF the best-kept secrets in East Baton Rouge—Cedarcrest-Southmoor Elementary. The school offers gifted resource classes and a Scholastic Academy, purposefully designed to elevate thinking and problem-solving skills in preparation for students taking the gifted and talented screening. Organizations like Girls on the Run, Junior Beta Club and Chess Club help students develop social and academic skills. Ongoing events such as Fall Festival, Muffins with Moms, and Celebration Station Night strengthen the relationships among students, school and family.

Did you know?

The school received the ExxonMobil Innovative STEM Program Grant.
Two is better than one

The school has a fitness club open to students and staff.

Did you know?

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. The staff believes that success comes when the community supports the education of our children ... so 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 and the R.O.A.R. Reading Café. 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.
Crestworth Elementary School
11200 Avenue F Baton Rouge, LA 70807  |  225.778.1317
Pre-K-5  |  PRINCIPAL: Joshua Warren, Jr.

Supportive and caring

THIS SMALL, CLOSE-KNIT school is a place where every child 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 help to prepare students to go out into the world and become successful and independent members of their community. Crestworth offers traditional and gifted learning programs.
Delmont Pre-K Center
5300 Douglas Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70805 | 225.355.2106 | ebrschools.org/delmont
Pre-K | PRINCIPAL: Glenda Smith

Creativity is enhanced by a positive environment

**AS A SCHOOL,** our goal is to foster successful students through teacher collaboration and teamwork. We provide adequate resources to ensure student success, and we offer a positive environment to enhance creativity. Our school has wonderful, encouraging teachers and staff who use multiple teaching strategies. They believe that all students can learn and be successful in life, and that success is achieved in a variety of ways. Our students have many activities, rewards, and opportunities for success, and they believe that learning is fun, innovative, meaningful and productive.

Did you know?

Our school provides transportation parishwide.
The Dufrocq School
330 S. 19th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70806 | 225.334.7653 | thedufrocschool.com
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Mary Robvais

Learning in a microcosm of the real world

THE DUFROCG SCHOOL, a certified magnet school and a Magnet School of Excellence, is committed to educational growth and academic success for all students. Teachers are empowered to work to improve students’ learning, and they are encouraged to differentiate, as they use innovative strategies and best practices to create successful learning opportunities. The Dufrocq School is a pioneer within the state of Louisiana with its MicroSociety school-wide theme. Its 4-Star MicroSociety program is government, business and entrepreneurial oriented. Students work in their own microcosm of the real world as legislators, business owners, bankers, university professors, peace officers and more, along with community partners as they run their own society called “Crawfish Bayou.”

Did you know?
Our students run their own “society” called Crawfish Bayou.
Forest Heights Academy of Excellence

7447 Sumrall Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70812 | 225.355.5681 | Fhaevpa.com

Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: LaDarrion Jackson | 📚 🔍

Forest Heights Academy of Excellence is a dedicated visual and performing arts and academic magnet school. It received national attention when it was named a 2017 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School and a Magnet Schools of America Nationally Certified Magnet School. Collaborative planning and assessment among administration, grade level and arts faculty enables teachers to identify and meet each student’s academic needs, while performances and interdisciplinary projects allow students to regularly apply acquired knowledge and skills.

National recognition

We use a variety of styles to teach the fundamentals of art forms.

Did you know?

ART
MUSIC
THEATER
DANCE
ACADEMIC CLUBS
Accelerated classes

THE PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS AND STAFF at Glen Oaks Park Elementary always have the best interest of their students in mind. In addition to offering accelerated classes, the school offers rich extended day programs. French, performing arts and music are all important components of the school day. In fact, 15 students earned the prestigious A1-Delf Certification, indicating students were at the “discovery” stage in the language and were therefore able to interact and speak about themselves and their immediate environment.

Glen Oaks Park has received a Debose Fine Arts certification.
Greenbrier Elementary School
12203 Canterbury Ave. Baton Rouge, LA 70814 | 225.275.4260 | schools.ebrschools.org/greenbrierelementary
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Shayla Hollins

Greenbrier promotes a “community of excellence” while cultivating students’ academic and artistic experiences. We are committed to molding the whole child academically, socially, and emotionally to prepare students to be responsible, positive, and productive future leaders. Our school has a 1:1 Student Device Program in which about 90% of students in kindergarten through 5th grade have their own personal electronic device which enhances their learning experiences. We take great pride in our intervention and enrichment programs that are offered before, during and after school. Over 60% of 5th graders enroll in 6th-grade magnet programs or schools with unique programs. When students leave Greenbrier, they feel confident enough to take on the world!

Greenbrier has a STEAM program, creative writing program, a school mentor program, and a 1:1 student device program.
Highland Elementary School
280 Sunset Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810 | 225.766.1272 | Highlandtigers.com
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Justin Robicheaux |  

A diverse learning environment

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY boasts one of the strongest collection of educators and most diverse learning environments in East Baton Rouge. Follow in the footsteps of the many former students who have attended Highland over the past century. Just a few miles from Louisiana State University, Highland Elementary has been recognized as a Top Gains school in two of the last three years and is on pace for more success this school year.

Did you know?
Our school was established in 1902.
Jefferson Terrace Elementary School
9902 Cal Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 | 225.293.3210 | Schools.ebrschools.org/jeffersonterraceelementary
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Zane Whittington |  

On the move

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Our new school will offer an amazing educational experience and will focus on STEM.
La Belle Aire Elementary School

12255 Tams Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70815  |  225.397.7841  |  Schools.ebrschools.org/labelleaireelementary

Pre-K-5  |  PRINCIPAL: Teviron Ross  |  🌐  🏛

La Belle Aire offers dual language immersion and ESL welcome classes.

LA BELLE AIRE is a culturally diverse and inclusive school committed to academic excellence and integrity. We work with families and the community to successfully educate all students at high levels, providing opportunities not only for academic success, but for character development as well. Students are able to express themselves through art, music, student council, and various club activities. Free English classes for parents are also provided as a community outreach to support our students.

Every teacher, engaging every child, every day

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OUR GOAL IS to maintain high expectations and promote academic excellence for our diverse population of students. Teachers participate in ongoing professional learning communities to use student performance data to drive instruction. To support our commitment to academic excellence, all students participate in physical education, art, music, library, guidance, and computer lab. Families are strongly encouraged to become involved in the school, attending events such as Open House, Math and Literacy Nights, and PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meetings. With the support of our parents and community partners, our students are college-, career-, and life-ready!
We are a dedicated STEM school focused on full integration of the STEM disciplines.
Mayfair Laboratory is the only Nationally Certified Magnet Demonstration School in Louisiana
Melrose Elementary School

1348 Valcour Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70767 | 225.926.2353 | ebrschools.org

Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Olga Atkins Pack

Did you know?

Community partnerships have led us to create our Melrose Ambassadors, Leaders for Tomorrow.

HOME OF THE Bulldogs, our school is dedicated to providing the best possible educational 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 the progress category.
Merrydale Elementary School
6700 Rio Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70812 | 225.355.0346 | merrydaleelementary@ebrschools.org
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Sherna Lumar

MERRYDALE ELEMENTARY IS LOCATED in a quiet neighborhood in north Baton Rouge. To celebrate our family atmosphere, students and staff participate once a month in Harambee to perform, celebrate and share in grade-level performances. The school offers opportunities for students to advance academically and emotionally through school and parental involvement events. To prepare for college and careers, students use 1:1 technology devices to enhance their learning. To foster and promote individual talents, we offer Beta Club, Girls Clubs, Drama Club, Music Club and others. Merrydale Elementary School is the home of Rio De La Rouge—the Jaguar—our school’s mascot.

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Parental and community involvement

Located in Pride, La., Northeast Elementary has a caring and dedicated staff of highly qualified educators who embody our mission—“every student, every day!” Our goal is to foster a nurturing, safe, and rigorous learning environment for all children. We offer a Scholastic gifted program, music, P.E., guidance, and art classes for enrichment. Our 6th graders participate in middle school athletics, and we provide a variety of instructional resources including Tier 1 curriculum, 1:1 technology, computer lab, smartboards, and PBIS. Northeast hosts many special events throughout the year for parental and community involvement.

Did you know?

We have been recognized as a School of Exemplary Academic Growth by the Louisiana Department of Education.
PARK ELEMENTARY FOCUSES on the academic growth of all students through the integration of art, technology, STEAM, and hands-on teaching practices to ensure learning is the number one priority of our students.

Did you know?

Our students can join clubs in robotics, gardening and chess.

Dynamic 21st century learning techniques

ART  MUSIC  DANCE  SCIENCE  ACADEMIC CLUBS
Learning skills for future success

PARK FOREST CREATIVE SCIENCES & ARTS MAGNET is a school on the move. We are the perfect blend of academics, arts and high expectations. Our students participate in project-based learning opportunities that increase their content knowledge and skills, allowing them to develop a deeper understanding of critical skills needed for future success. We strive to build positive relationships with students, parents, partners, and all stakeholders for the benefit of our students. Our school boasts a Creative Smart Lab, Mac Computer Lab, Virtual Reality Lab, and a recording studio. We offer Spanish, dance, and computer classes in addition to numerous clubs, including chess, robotics, arts and crafts, and basketball.

Did you know?

We have a state-of-the-art recording studio where students learn to write, record and produce music.
Did you know?

Parkview was awarded the prestigious 2014 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and has been rated an “A” School for more than a decade.

PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFERS traditional self-contained gifted resource classes, and talented art, drama, and music. Every classroom is equipped with active boards and wireless Internet access. Students in grades 3-5 have their own Chromebook for 1:1 technology integration. Teachers and staff use positive behavior interventions and support to promote a positive and safe environment. Students celebrate their own positive behavior by earning BEE Bucks, leading to monthly events and activities. Parkview’s Parent Teacher Organization works tirelessly to help the schools raise funds for important materials. Parkview students also give back through their Annual Spring Fling, Panther Prowl Fun Walk, Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, and Grandparents Week luncheon.
Progress Elementary School
855 Progress Elementary Baton Rouge, LA 70807 | 225.775.4986 | ebrschools.org
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Lashawn E. Stewart | Facebook / Instagram

A pillar of our community

We have been recognized for increasing the number of students achieving at the mastery level.

PROFILE

PROGRESS ELEMENTARY’S VISION is to prepare, motivate and inspire students by providing a collaborative learning environment. In partnership with our children, families, community, and East Baton Rouge Parish, we guarantee each child a superior education by providing quality instruction and a collaborative learning experience in a safe and orderly environment. In 2019, we were recognized as one of the two schools in EBR to increase the number of students achieving at the mastery level by over 11% within one year as measured by the LEAP 2025.

Did you know?

- We have been recognized for increasing the number of students achieving at the mastery level.

MUSIC | THEATER | SCIENCE | SOCIAL CLUBS | ACADEMIC CLUBS
Riveroaks Elementary School
950 Fountainbleau Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70819 | 225.275.4600 | schools.ebrschools.org/riveroakselementary.com
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Erica Aguillard | 

Soaring to academic success

OUR SCHOLARS DEVELOP their leadership skills through a rigorous 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 using their unique gifts. An array of languages, including Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, and English, flavor the environment as students and staff collaborate to meet their goals. After-school clubs and extracurricular activities such as cheer, technology, art, music, soccer, coding, STEM, Junior Beta, and Student Government help children build leadership skills and open their minds to new interests and opportunities.

Our culture is unique ... students learn from and with each other through a variety of languages.
Ryan Elementary School
10337 Elm Grove Garden Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70805 | 225.775.2406 | schools.ebrschools.org/ryanelementary
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Melvin L. Hollins

RYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS been a school of choice for 50 years and is known as a premier school that offers avenues for all children to shine. The school prides itself on being a National Blue Ribbon School award winner that has managed to maintain great achievement levels in the ever-changing landscape of education and rigorous learning objectives. The faculty and staff greet students with warmth and compassion daily to help create a nurturing learning environment. The school also offers gifted and talented classes and a Mastery Plus Program to complement its strong, traditional education program.

Did you know?

Our motto is: Good ... better ... best... our focus is SUCCESS!

A place where children can shine

ART
MUSIC
DANCE
THEATER
SOCIAL CLUBS
SHARON HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOME of the Hawks, is a small community-based school providing high-quality instruction in core subjects and ancillary classes. Sharon Hills offers a Manners of the Heart curriculum, a STEM Club, Dance Club, 4-H Club, Art Club, and intramural sports. The school also works in partnership with a Girls Scout troop weekly. Sharon Hills is committed to the development of the whole child and is progressing at a rapid rate and making strides towards narrowing the achievement gap.

Did you know?
Sharon Hills Elementary offers a “Manners of the Heart” curriculum.
Shenandoah Elementary School
16555 Appomattox Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70817 | 225.753.3560 | ebrschools.org/shenandoah
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Amy G. Butler |  

School spirit celebrations

**SELF-CONTAINED** gifted classes and gifted resource classes with robotics are offered in grades K-5. STEM, 1:1 device ratio for grades 3-5, and smart boards in all classrooms add to the superb learning environment. Students perform in outstanding musical productions, and dig into gardening and lessons in the outdoor classroom. Lunch and learn outdoors, collecting data from the weather station, attending Family Nights and Spring Carnival, reading and math buddies, Manners of the Heart, and school spirit Friday all help make this Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Top Gains and Equity honoree school worthy of the titles.

Our well-rounded school program includes string classes, robotics, cultural arts, Girls on the Run, music, theater, sports and more.
Southdowns Pre-K Center
2050 Hood Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | 225.346.1127 | Schools.ebrschools.org/Southdowns
Pre-K-Kindergarten | PRINCIPAL: Mary Sue Slack | 

A safe and nurturing environment

SOUTHDOWNS IS AN inclusive school for 4- and 5-year-old students. Half of our students are young children with disabilities. We provide a quality Pre-K education in a safe and nurturing environment where all children can learn. Students receive services from classroom teachers, speech therapists, adaptive physical education teachers and other specialized therapists.

Did you know?
Our before- and after-care program is operated by the YMCA.

VOLUNTEERISM  ART  MUSIC
Twin Oaks Elementary School
819 Trammell Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70815 | 225.275.6620 | twinoaksbr.org
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Cesar Rico

Character counts

AT TWIN OAKS, we strive to educate our students on the pillars of character and the process of proper and positive decision making. We work closely with families to ensure proper communication and support is provided to all of our students. We have a close and positive relationship with community partners as we strive to build on our mission of forming future leaders. Twin Oaks utilizes a high-quality Tier I curriculum provided by the East Baton Rouge Parish School District. All work and instruction is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Education State Standards.

Our school ensures that our kids understand the importance of great character. We are a High Academic and Character School!
University Terrace Elementary School

575 W. Roosevelt St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802 | 225.387.2328 | Schools.ebrschools.org/universityterraceelementary

Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Veronica Sanders

Respectful, responsible and ready to learn

UNIVERSITY TERRACE has a strong presence within its community, helping families and promoting high academic achievement. At "UT", the faculty and staff are committed to learning how to maximize every opportunity to promote students so that they excel and obtain careers in an advanced technological society. Serving Pre-K through 5th grade, University Terrace provides intense intervention programs that focus on reading and mathematics. We also have community partnerships with Kid’s Hope USA, Boys and Girls Club, and First Tee of Baton Rouge.

Did you know?

5th-grade students at University Terrace participate in musical performances and are recognized at the district level.
Villa del Rey Creative Sciences & Arts Magnet School

9765 Cuyhanga Pkwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70815 | 225.924.1606 | Vdrcsams.weebly.com

Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Joy Abernathy-Dyer |  

So many creative options

Villa de Rey features the first SmartLab in the state of Louisiana.

Villa del Rey Creative Sciences & Arts Magnet School has an innovative pre-K through 5th grade STREAM (Science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math) program in all areas of the curriculum. The school’s SmartLab allows students in all grades to engage in digital communications, mechanics and structures, robotics and control technology, scientific data and analysis, software engineering, 3D printing and sustainability. A STEM/Math Lab and production studio are also featured. Students express themselves through the Tigerettes Dance Team, Robotics Competition Team, 4-H Club, Student Council, Gardening Club, Lego Club, Drama Club, Cooking Club and many other creative options.

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Wedgewood Elementary School

2330 Aspenwood Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70816 | 225.753.7301 | wedgewoodelem.weebly.com

Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Brandy Williams

WEDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY IS LOCATED in a large community setting surrounded by a supportive neighborhood and local business partners. With about 500 students, our mascot is a wildcat and our school colors are blue and gray. We offer regular and special education programs with highly qualified and experienced teachers, and in 2007, added the gifted program and Scholastic Academy. Our educational philosophy guarantees that each child is viewed as an individual and is provided with an opportunity for growth toward competent citizenship, enabling them to develop self-reliance and initiative.

Did you know?

We offer a chess club, music (recorder) club, and Beta Club, among others.

Developing self-reliance and initiative

SOCIAL CLUBS

MUSIC

DANCE

ACADEMIC CLUBS
WHAM is a nationally certified magnet school whose vision is to educate the whole child—academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. In doing so, we develop productive and successful citizens for a diverse and changing society. Our curriculum includes critical thinking, social skills, citizenship, the arts, health and nutrition. The theme of academics, and magnet focus of environmental science, math, and technology, are integrated through core classes, electives, and co-curricular activities. Our gardens, science lab, tech lab, and MakerSpace provide real-world, one-of-a-kind experiences. WHAM students consistently demonstrate exemplary achievement on state assessments.

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WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY, home of the Wildcats, is a tight-knit school community that offers an engaging, relevant, and rigorous core curriculum with supplemental programming and experiences consistent with our school’s vision. Our highly trained and dedicated staff work collaboratively with our parent community and our school foundation to challenge students, set high expectations for achievement, and provide opportunities for them to grow and learn in a safe environment. Westminster Elementary offers a wide array of extracurricular activities such as art, dance, safety patrol, band, tutoring, PBIS, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), and DARE. We try to get everyone involved to help make each school year a greater success than before. We are here to help light the way to a better future for our students.

Did you know? We offer a program called Young Men of Character.

Opportunities to grow and learn

ART  MUSIC  DANCE  SOCIAL CLUBS  VOLUNTEERISM
THE WHITE HILLS ELEMENTARY community creates 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 field trips to Art Works, LSU Art Museum and the Shaw Center for grades 3 and 4. K-2 students go on monthly field trips to the Knock Knock Museum. And students in kindergarten and first grade participate in visual arts and music provided by the Manship Theatre. Fifth-graders attend a weeklong Space Camp offered through NASA, where they learn principles of mathematics, science, and engineering within the context of space exploration. All students choose their own enrichment to match their interests by participating in clubs for art, STEM, puzzles, drama, computer, and kindness.
Wildwood Elementary School

444 Halfway Tree Road Baton Rouge, LA 70810 | 225.766.6002 | ebrschools.org/wildwood

Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Daniel B. Edwards | 

We offer a phenomenal dual-language immersion program.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SERVES more than 500 students each day. Our school enrollment includes gifted, great scholars, ESL, regular education and ESS students. We have a vibrant climate and culture that focuses on holistic learning for all students. There is always something happening at Wildwood. Our students are energetic, enthusiastic and eager to learn each day. Our dynamic faculty and staff have the highest expectations for themselves and all students.

Energetic, eager, and enthusiastic students
Winbourne Elementary School
4503 Winbourne Ave. Baton Rouge, LA 70805 | 225.355.4446 | schools.ebrschools.org/winbourneelementary
K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Pennie Brisco

Did you know?

We offer a piano lab, the idea of Raph O’Neill of O’Neill’s Music House. He wanted to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn piano.

Becoming productive citizens of our community and the world

OUR VISION IS that all students at Winbourne Elementary School will attain the knowledge and skills needed to become productive citizens of our school, community, state, and nation. This statement serves as the catalyst for everything that takes place at the school. In addition to providing students with a rigorous and challenging academic curriculum, students participate in arts and P.E. classes. They can also participate in Recorder Band and Chorus. Winbourne is committed to providing all students with a well-rounded education.
Woodlawn Elementary School
8160 Antioch Road Baton Rouge, LA 70817 | 225.756.3681 | WEScubs.org
Pre-K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Vanessa Bloss

An environment that supports critical thinking

WOODLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, home of the Panther Cubs, is committed to academic excellence, a focus on the performing arts, and a dedication to creating an environment that supports critical thinking through an emphasis on STEM. The school offers a Gifted Resource Program, Talented Program, Scholastic Academy Program, and an English Language Learner Program. Our students succeed by incorporating a variety of resources into their instructional day. Included is 1:1 Technology via Chromebooks (grades 3-5), a Technology Lab with a Makerspace, and an Accelerated Reader Program. The school expands learning opportunities through an extended day program and an open access media center. Woodlawn Elementary also provides its students with social and emotional support through a focus on Growth Mindset, PBIS, ICare, and its Student Council Ambassadors.

We believe in the “Power of Yet.” Just because we don’t know it now only means we don’t know it yet. Our students believe that anything is possible!

Did you know?
Congratulations our 2020 STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

WILLIAM STEWART
Shenandoah Elementary School

MADELINE BRYANT
Woodlawn Middle School

KELLY BROWN
Lee Magnet High School
Middle Schools

Sixth- Eighth Grade
Brookstown Middle School
4375 E Brookstown Baton Rouge, LA 70805 | 225.355.6556 | schools.ebrschools.org/brookstownmiddle
6-8 | PRINCIPAL: James Smith, Sr. | 🌎

Leadership, innovation and self-discipline

Brookstown Middle IS a traditional neighborhood school. In 2017, the school received a grant from ExxonMobil to begin an Aquaponics program, which has continued to blossom with the addition of hydroponics courses. It is also the first middle school to offer Junior Cadet Corps, similar to high school JROTC, teaching students leadership and self-discipline. Brookstown has been the model for the other Junior Cadet Corps programs within the East Baton Rouge School District. Brookstown’s music and choir programs have also seen a resurgence in 2019.

Did you know?
Brookstown received the 2019 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School Award.
CAPITOL MIDDLE SCHOOL is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment that fosters rigorous learning while also promoting the individual creative spirit in each student. Administrators, faculty and staff realize that children are the future and strive to provide the necessary tools for a successful life. The Gaming and Animation Program incorporates a curriculum using science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills. The goals of the program are to help students develop flexible knowledge, effective problem solving, self-directed learning, effective collaboration, and intrinsic motivation. The school also has a national Junior Beta Club and the Cougarettes Dance Team.
Glasgow Middle School

1676 Glasgow Ave. Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | 225.925.2942 | glasgowmiddle.org

6-8 | PRINCIPAL: Erin Howard |  

GLASGOW MIDDLE IS a small middle school nestled in the Southdowns neighborhood. It offers a wide variety of academic opportunities to its students, including gifted, Scholastic Academy, Great Scholars, advanced and traditional classes. Students enroll in courses that earn high school credit as well as exciting electives like Roman technology, robotics, orchestra, coding, musical theater, anatomy and physiology. Students may also participate in talented theater, talented visual art, and talented music programs. Glasgow Middle students put forth their best efforts in everything they do.

Did you know?

For 10 consecutive years, Glasgow Middle has been recognized as a top school in the state Science and Engineering Fair.
McKinley Middle Academic Magnet
School of Visual and Performing Arts
1550 Eddie Robinson Sr. Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70802 | 225.388.0089 | mckinleymiddlemagnet.com
6-8 | PRINCIPAL: Tongelia Rowan | 🌐Twitter

A focus on visual and performing arts

MCKINLEY MIDDLE ACADEMIC Magnet School of Visual and Performing Arts is a high-performing dedicated academic magnet school, A-rated with a focus on visual and performing arts. It 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 Middle offers students unique learning opportunities through advanced academics and arts integration across the curriculum. Their amazing faculty and staff are passionate about the school and devoted to their students.

Did you know?

McKinley Middle was honored with a National Magnet Certification.
Park Forest Middle School
3760 Aletha Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70814 | 225.275.6650
6-8 | PRINCIPAL: Curtis M. Walker

Where excellence is expected

PARK FOREST MIDDLE School recently added an exciting STEAM magnet component that includes animation, coding, robotics, renewable energy, entertainment technology, and engineering. The new Creative Sciences and Arts courses guide students' critical thinking in an educational environment where students are challenged, excellence is expected, and diversity is valued. The school's outstanding ancillary opportunities include Boys & Girls Club, Raiders Who Code Club, Junior ROTC, football, volleyball, basketball, softball and track athletics.

Did you know?

Park Forest’s band was a first-place winner of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation’s Class got Brass contest.
Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Magnet Academy

9147 Elm Grove Garden Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70807 | 225.775.0776 | gospema.org

6-8 | PRINCIPAL: Shalika Scott | 

Exploring careers in the STEM fields

SCOTLANDVILLE MIDDLE PRE-ENGINEERING
Magnet Academy offers students strong preparation in science, technology, engineering, art and math. The school was designed to prepare students for post-secondary education and eventually a career in STEM fields. Teachers promote critical thinking skills through project-based, hands-on experiences and problem-solving techniques that teach students the engineering design process. The course selection includes a variety of classes, including audio engineering, game design, piano, community art, green agriculture and marine robotics. Peer collaborative learning provides students with real world experiences and opportunities to compete with other STEAM schools, both regionally and nationally.

Did you know?
Scotlandville is a 3-time Magnet School of Distinction Award winner.
Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet School

SHERWOOD MIDDLE ACADEMIC Magnet School is a high school preparatory school that focuses on college and career readiness. Instruction is delivered at a more rigorous level than other middle schools in the area. With an award-winning performing arts department, students are encouraged to explore their artistic abilities. Sherwood Middle also has STEAM and academic electives to help students discover their passions. From forensic science to pre-law, multimedia productions and ballet, students leave Sherwood prepared for high school and ready to further explore their potential career paths.

Did you know?

Sherwood Middle consistently ranks in the top 5 middle schools in Louisiana.

Discovering their passions
Southeast Middle Magnet School

15000 S. Harrell’s Ferry Road Baton Rouge, LA 70816 | 225.753.5930 | smsdataschool.com

6-8 | PRINCIPAL: Amber Boyd | Facebook | Instagram

Something for everyone

More than 50 school clubs are available as well as many sports teams.

SOUTHEAST MIDDLE MAGNET School has a program and activity for every student. Students have the opportunity to leave Southeast with up to six high school credits, including Algebra I, geometry, environmental science, digital media, speech, publishing, keyboarding, multimedia production and many others. Each year, students are involved in community outreach and hands-on project-based learning activities. Southeast is a National Certified Magnet School with many accolades: a finalist for the EBR Teacher of the Year; a Magnet Schools of America Teacher of the Year; Wyland Foundation National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation winner; and 1st place winner in the Global Student Voice Festival, among others.
Westdale Middle School
5650 Claycut Road Baton Rouge, LA 70806  |  225.924.1308  |  westdalemiddleschool.com
6-8  |  PRINCIPAL: Hillary Greer

A challenging curriculum

WE ARE HOME to several outstanding academic programs including Gifted and Talented, Great Scholars, and an award-winning Foreign Language Immersion Magnet Program. We also offer a strong traditional program and special education classes with individualized instruction. Students have the opportunity to take more than 10 different high school credit courses during their time here. Westdale Middle School strives to provide every student with access to a challenging curriculum and productive middle school experience. To complement our rigorous core classes, we also offer French, Spanish, art, drama, choir, band, strings, robotics, drones, digital media, speech, astronomy, forensics, engineering design, and computers.

Did you know?

We offer more than 10 high school credit courses.
SUCCESS DOES NOT happen by chance—it happens by choice. Woodlawn Middle Magnet is second to none, offering parents and students a choice in academic programs. Students advance in Woodlawn’s gifted program, scholastic academy, great scholars, magnet, traditional and community-based programs. With a focus on STEM/STEAM learning, Woodlawn Middle gives students a learning experience that inspires them to think critically, work collaboratively, and learn by doing. The arts are also a focus with talented art, music and drama courses. Woodlawn Middle offers many academically challenging courses for high school credit such as algebra, forensic science, geometry, world geography, media arts, and more.
High Schools

Ninth- Twelfth Grade
Baton Rouge Magnet High School

2825 Government St. Baton Rouge, LA 70806  |  225.383.0520  |  brmhs.com

9-12  |  PRINCIPAL: Nanette McCann  |  

BATON ROUGE MAGNET High School is a premier certified magnet 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 that include robotics, AP Capstone-Seminar and Research, architecture, computer science, media arts, radio, and business. The three-time Blue Ribbon School and Green Ribbon School has an equally extensive list of unique clubs to meet the specialized interests of all students. The school provides talented classes in music, arts, drama, as well as visual and performing arts (art, piano, orchestra, band and ballet). BRMHS also offers volleyball, soccer, cross country, wrestling, powerlifting, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, bowling, and golf. World language courses include Latin, French, Spanish, German, Greek, and Chinese.

BRMHS recognized 24 National Merit Scholars and 264 Advanced Placement Scholars. Ten earned AP Capstone Diplomas and 43 were National AP Scholars.

Did you know?

ART  |  MUSIC  |  THEATER  |  MATH  |  SCIENCE
Belaire Magnet High School
12121 Tams Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70815 | 225.272.1860
9-12 | PRINCIPAL: Angela Jones | 🌐🔗🔍

Diverse and inclusive

THROUGH DIVERSE AND rigorous learning, Belaire High School promotes science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Students can choose programs in robotics, animation, coding and entertainment technology. They can also earn industry-based certifications in carpentry, pipefitting, workplace safety, microenterprise, business management, hospitality and tourism, fashion design, and many other fields. Belaire is culturally diverse and committed to excellence for all students. In addition to an internationally recognized marching band, the school offers many sports and social and academic clubs.

Did you know?

Belaire won the “Most Promising Future Award” in 2018 out of all magnet programs from the mid-South region.
BROADMOOR CURRENTLY SERVES 1100 students and offers an array of traditional and honors level courses, including several AP courses and college dual-enrollment opportunities with Baton Rouge Community College, Southern University and LSU. Broadmoor is home to the well-attended Broadmoor Arts & Crafts Festival held on campus every November. Visitors from across the country come to sell and buy various arts and foods. The school provides many opportunities for students to become involved through clubs, athletics, and organizations such as the John Lay chapter of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, Student Government Association, the Presidents’ Round Table, Denims-N-Diamonds (Choir), Broadmoor Band of Pride, Broadmoor Blade (newspaper), Buccaneer Log (yearbook), FFA, and Broadmoor Young Life.
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). This site offers a specialized training program for junior and senior high school students who are eager to learn skills in the high-wage, high-demand fields. An innovative schedule enables students to spend half of their day at school earning core credits and half a day on the CTEC campus for practical training in manufacturing, computer science, construction crafts, and the medical fields. CTEC also offers opportunities for students to earn industry-based certificates and credits toward associate degrees at BRCC.

Students can be trained in carpentry, EMT services, cybersecurity and other fields.
EBR Virtual Academy

225.478.9264 | 9-12 | PRINCIPAL: Claudia Battley

24-hour online self-paced learning

EBR VIRTUAL ACADEMY provides students with a virtual learning platform that offers 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. They 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.

Did you know?

Students have access to the EBR Career Technology Education Center.
Glen Oaks Magnet High School offers a college preparatory curriculum in conjunction with a career and technology component that prepare students for college or the workforce. We educate students in a variety of high-demand health care fields empowering them to make informed college and career choices. Whether students want to become physicians, nurses, dentists, researchers—or simply earn a certification that will lead to employment after graduation—Glen Oaks Magnet High School provides a valuable launching pad. At GOMHS, we are “preparing health care professionals today for the medical workplace of tomorrow.”

A launching pad to the health care professions

We have partnerships with Baton Rouge General and Southern University’s College of Nursing and Allied Health.

Did you know?
HISTORIC ISTROUMA HIGH SCHOOL, home of football legend Billy Cannon, reopened its doors in 2016. Since then, the Istrouma family has worked hard to create a school culture of pride, academic excellence and competition. 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. A strong athletics tradition also continues into Istrouma’s new era.

Athletic offerings include football, basketball, track, cheer, dance and many others.
Lee Magnet High School
1105 Lee Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | 225.924.9406 | Leemagnet.com
9-12 | PRINCIPAL: Rob Howle | 

LEE MAGNET’S unique campus and rigorous curriculum make it “a school like no other.” Named a Louisiana Top Gains School in 2017 and 2018, the school has recently produced 54 AP scholars, 4 of whom are National Merit semifinalists. Our JROTC has been recognized for its leadership program and competed at the national competition in Washington D.C. The Patriots boast a multitude of academic clubs such as National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Junior Classical League (Latin) and eSports (pro gaming). Lee Magnet also offers traditional sports, including football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, golf, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, cheer and dance team.

A school like no other

Did you know?
We offer a cyber security pathway through the Cyber Innovation Center.
McKinley High School
800 East McKinley St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802  |  225.344.7696  |  mckinleyhighbr.org
9-12  |  PRINCIPAL: Esrom Pitre  |  🌐  📖  📚

**McKinley High School**

**MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL SERVES** a diverse population of students who learn with and from each other. Established in 1907, the school was dedicated to serve African American students. Today, McKinley High has a rich history, a diverse student body, and devoted alumni. The school prepares students for college and careers by partnering with universities and technical schools to provide certifications and college credits while students are still in high school. McKinley also offers Advanced Placement courses to earn college credit. In addition, the school supports all LHSAA-approved sports and a wide array of clubs and activities.

**University and career-tech partnerships**

McKinley is one of just 14 U.S. schools piloting a dual enrollment class through Harvard University ... *Poetry in America.*

**Did you know?**

**MUSIC**  
**SPORTS**  
**SOCIAL CLUBS**  
**ACADEMIC CLUSTERS**  
**CAREER PREP**
Northeast High School
13700 Port Hudson-Pride Road, Pride, LA 70770  |  225.654.5808  |  Ebrschools.org/ebrschools/northeast
7-12  |  PRINCIPAL: Brandon Levatino  |  

**College and career-ready students**

**NORTHEAST** is a traditional middle and high school in Pride, Louisiana, offering an inclusive environment that ensures students are both college and career ready. Vikings can earn dual-enrollment credit through LSU, Southeastern, and Baton Rouge Community College as well as career preparation in a variety of high wage/high demand jobs. Students can explore pathways in the arts, agriculture, business, carpentry, culinary arts, engineering, welding, and electrical. They can also get involved in athletics, cheer, dance, band, JROTC, gaming, and many other organizations on campus.

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**Did you know?**

Students can earn dual-enrollment credit through LSU, Southeastern, and Baton Rouge Community College.
Scotlandville Magnet High School

9870 Scotland Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70807 | 225.775.3715 | Scotlandvillemagnethigh.org

9-12 | PRINCIPAL: Tiffany Quiett | 🌐facebook

**Personalized curriculum**

**The Mission** of Scotlandville Magnet High School is to ensure that all students benefit from personalized environments, rigorous curricula and career-focused programs that provide a relevant context for learning in order to prepare them for college, high-skill, and/or high-wage workplace opportunities.

*Did you know?* Scotlandville High students are prepared for high-skill, high-wage jobs.

**Profile**

- Personalized curriculum
- Scotlandville High students are prepared for high-skill, high-wage jobs.

**Did you know?** Scotlandville High students are prepared for high-skill, high-wage jobs.

[Images of students and school activities]
NESTLED IN the heart of Baton Rouge, Tara High School has a mission to value individualism, cultivate literacy, and prepare students to be productive citizens capable of solving problems globally. The school offers many opportunities for academic progress and promotes social activism to create change. Building tomorrow’s leaders today is the mantra of many within the institution and students are encouraged to participate in the community with a heart of volunteerism. Partnered with Baton Rouge Community College and IBM, students work towards obtaining an associate’s degree in Applied Science while earning their high school diploma.

Tara High School is the state’s first PTECH school in partnership with IBM.

Did you know?

Building the leaders of tomorrow
ESTABLISHED IN 1949, Woodlawn High School ranks among the top high schools in Baton Rouge. It is a four-year public school with approximately 1200 students. WHS features specialized academic and arts programs, including Advanced Placement (AP), dual enrollment, gifted, Great Scholars Academy, magnet, talented music, talented theatre, and talented visual arts. WHS has also developed college preparatory and career pathways to help ensure success among its student population. WHS students support their community, hosting events such as the Dow Red Stick Rumble Robotics Competition and the Arthritis Foundation’s Walk to Cure Arthritis.

WHS features specialized programs for gifted, Great Scholars Academy, magnet, and talented arts students.
EBR Readiness Elementary School
1645 N. Foster Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 | 225.930.5637 | ebracademy.weebly.com
K-5 | PRINCIPAL: Rochelle Washington Scott | 

**Cultivating children's imaginative powers**

**EBR READINESS ELEMENTARY** is an alternative school which promotes student academic success through quality instruction, relationship building, and restorative practices. We believe in the motto *Change the mind! Change the culture!* Our desire is to train and cultivate the imaginative powers of our youth by modeling educational strategies and ethical behaviors that help them become strong, flexible, and discerning individuals with superior conceptual capabilities. We make sure that there is an adult in every classroom and session who cares that every student, every day, learns, grows and is valued as a human being.

**Did you know?**

We believe in the motto *Change the mind! Change the culture!*
THE MISSION AT EBR Readiness Middle School is to provide alternative remedial and support for middle school students expelled from EBR schools due to serious infraction of policies, as well as students with assigned placement for more intensive behavior and academics attention. Programs are designed to help students who are academically behind or over the typical class age. Teachers are committed to giving students a second chance behaviorally and academically. Graduates become productive school citizens and work to return to their home school with a fresh perspective and the skills to cope in any environment.

Did you know?

We help students improve their behavior, build their self-esteem, and become more focused on academics.
EBR Readiness Superintendent’s Academy

2401 72nd St. Baton Rouge, LA 70815 | 225.757.9679 | ebracademy.weebly.com

9-12 | PRINCIPAL: Sherwanda Johnson

Did you know?

We offer a behavior intervention/modification program.

Rebuilding character

OUR SCHOOL PROVIDES a successful student-centered alternative program focusing on rebuilding character, mentoring, fiscal management, and social enhancement projects for students who have been expelled from a traditional high school. Our mission is to foster and promote college and career readiness by using a blended learning approach. Teachers use integrated technology and face-to-face traditional techniques to help raise student achievement by cultivating a caring and creative environment and ensuring that our students will become motivated, disciplined, and productive individuals in society.
Arlington Preparatory Academy

6125 Winbourne Ave. Baton Rouge, LA 70805 | 225.766.8188 | schools.ebrschools.org/arlingtonprep

9-12 | PRINCIPAL: Margot Morgan-Forbes

**Profile**

Arlington Preparatory Academy provides a program that enables each student to develop to his/her highest potential academically, socially and functionally. The school focuses on exposing students to meaningful field trips to help them explore opportunities in the community and work-based learning for exceptional students to gain career experience outside of the classroom.

**Arlington Preparatory Academy Provides**

We offer community-based and transitional training programs, as well as small class sizes.

**Did you know?**

- **Science**
- **Math**
- **Career Prep**
Northdale Superintendents’s Academy

10755 Cletus Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70815  |  225.272.2036  |  northdalemustangs.weebly.com

6-8  |  PRINCIPAL: Claudia Battley

Northdale Academy is an alternative 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. Students can choose from Jump Start TOPS Tech and TOPS University Diploma Pathways, participate in EBR CTEC Dual Enrollment, and earn industry-based certifications. Students also participate frequently in college tours, college fairs, and field trips.

Volunteerism, job shadowing and internships

Northdale is currently participating in the Johns Hopkins High School Redesign Cohort.

Did you know?

Volunteerism  |  Technology  |  Career Prep

Volunteerism  |  Technology  |  Career Prep

Volunteerism  |  Technology  |  Career Prep
Teaching students to spread their WINGS

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF Baton Rouge
Charter Schools
Basis Baton Rouge
K-5
7550 McCall Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70817
PRINCIPAL: Roberto Ramirez
225.308.7450

Children’s Charter School
K-5
1143 North St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
PRINCIPAL: Latasha Skidmore
225.387.9273

Emerge School for Autism
K-5
7784 Innovation Park Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70820
PRINCIPAL: Leigh Bozard
225.343.4232

Building study and organizational skills

CSAL Charter Middle School
6-8
1555 Madison Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
PRINCIPAL: Darcy Franklin
225.336.1410

IDEA Bridge
K-7
1500 N. Airway Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
PRINCIPAL: Curtis Lawrence, Jr.
225.963.5910

Fostering students on the road to the future

Learning in a digital world

Opportunity and meaningful experiences

Helping children achieve independence
**IDEA Innovation**
K-3, 6-7  
7800 Innovation Park Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70820  
PRINCIPALS: Jason Fitzgerald, K-3; Jeremy Roussel, 6-7  
225.953.7963

**Inspire Charter Academy**
K-8  
5454 N. Foster Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805  
PRINCIPAL: Kimberly Boudreaux  
225.356.3936

**JK Haynes Elementary Charter School**
Pre-K-8  
8600 Elm Grove Garden Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807  
PRINCIPAL: Mary Mason  
225.774.1311

**Mentorship STEAM Academy**
9-12  
339 Florida St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801  
PRINCIPAL: Robert Webb, Jr.  
225.346.5180

**South Baton Rouge Charter Academy**
Pre-K-8  
9211 Parkway Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
PRINCIPAL: Yolanda Burnette Rodgers  
225.349.7489

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**Building on the strengths of each child**

**High expectations**

**Promoting empathy and integrity**

**A vision of college for every child**
Fun Facts
about the East Baton Rouge Parish School System

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Over the years, Baton Rouge’s public school system has produced a number of successful individuals who have made a name for themselves—in politics, sports, entertainment and many other professions.

Danielle Scott-Arruda
four-time U.S. volleyball Olympian

Randy Jackson
former judge on television’s American Idol

Lynn Whitfield
TV, theater, and film actress and producer

Toni Graphia
Award-winning television writer and Producer

Bobby Jindal
former Louisiana Governor

Mike Anderson
former LSU football player and restaurateur

Ryan Theriot
former major league baseball player

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
ebrschools.org
Fine Arts
More than 70 schools offer Fine Arts classes taught by more than 200 talented teachers. Students have an opportunity to study music, dance, art and theater in the EBRP school system.

Just a second
EBR is the second largest school system in Louisiana, right behind Jefferson Parish Public Schools in metro New Orleans.

We are the Champions
Northeast High School has produced three Super Bowl champions.

By the numbers
The district serves more than 41,000 students.

You don’t say!
Across the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, 39 languages are spoken, including French, Spanish, Vietnamese, German, and Chinese. Many foreign languages are also taught in the public schools.
The heart and foundation of our neighborhoods

**One of the** most important decisions a parent ever makes is where to send their child to school. With so many choices—homeschooling, private, parochial, charter, public—there are a lot of factors to consider. Here are a few advantages to choosing a public education.

**Choice**

Gone are the days when families were limited to selecting the school that was closest to home. In East Baton Rouge Parish schools, your children are offered a wide variety of programs, pathways, and extracurricular opportunities across the district. A few top choices include the broad array of magnet programs and gifted and talented classes. Many of the magnet schools have no academic requirements for the application, allowing for equity, diversity and inclusion, which brings us to our next advantage.

**Diversity**

Public schools are required to admit all children in their communities and this is a wonderful thing. When a classroom is diverse and children are surrounded by peers with different beliefs, different appearances, and different socioeconomic backgrounds, children develop an increased level of comfort in diverse settings. The social skills developed in this setting will inherently benefit them throughout their adult lives.

A diverse school also lends itself to offering a greater sense of community. With athletic events, school theatre productions, open houses, volunteer opportunities and community meetings bringing people through the doors, public schools serve as the heart and foundation of every great neighborhood.

**Wrap-around services**

Public schools provide transportation to and from school, free and/or reduced breakfast and lunch, extra academic assistance, along with a highly trained staff of counselors, special education teachers, nurses, social workers and learning specialists—all at the fingertips of parents and students.

Best of all, access to a public education is available to every child in our parish. The Huffington Post shares that, “By law, public schools cannot turn away students based on academic performance, income level, or disability.” Every student is welcomed with open arms and offered wrap-around services to ensure all their needs are met.

**Class sizes**

Funding for schools may depend on the number of students in a school. Class sizes in public schools tend to remain smaller in the early years (kindergarten through third grade) and gradually increase 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. Class sizes can also be smaller and more focused when students participate in specialty programs.

**Cost**

While certain school fees, supplies, and sports team payments can occasionally seem costly, the overall value of public education is hard to beat. The bulk of public school funding comes from federal, state, and local government sources. So instead of spending your money on school tuition, why not send your child to a public school that your hard-earned tax dollars are already funding? Those necessary tax dollars help build schools and provide children with everything they need for an innovative and enriching education. Those funds also help support the highly-qualified teachers instructing your children.

**Teacher qualifications**

We want our children to be cared for by the best teachers possible, teachers who teach from the heart and feel the calling to mold all children into our leaders of tomorrow. Teachers in public schools are required to be certified by the state and they must continuously update and renew their credentials to ensure they meet all standards. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System also mandates that all staff take professional development and safety trainings throughout the year. Charter schools and private schools do not all have this same requirement.

**Opportunities**

Public schools offer unlimited academic opportunities, including classes and courses in specialized subjects such as technology, foreign languages, robotics and the arts. Other options can include gifted and talented programs, STEM programs, and advanced placement and dual enrollment courses. In public schools, there are various opportunities for students beyond the classroom. Students can choose from athletics, fine arts, and academic clubs to continue learning and excelling in the areas they are interested in long after the bell rings.

**Results and accountability**

According to a Forbes report, students in public schools often outscore their private school counterparts on standardized tests. However, student test scores never truly paint the whole picture. Students can underperform on tests for a variety of reasons. A recent report by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) found that students who stayed at underperforming public schools still scored 7.3% higher than those who used Secretary Devos’s D.C. Opportunity Scholarships to attend private schools. The state holds public schools accountable for academic performance and requires corrective action plans to be put in place for struggling schools. School performance scores are based on standardized testing and a wide array of other factors. Most importantly, public school systems have a higher power for accountability ... the public. The district strives for transparency and encourages parental and community involvement in all areas.

**Reliability**

What makes public schools super special is that they are reliable. While some schools come and go, the public schools in your community have probably been there for decades. You may still pass by your elementary, middle, or high school on your way to work, or your children may be attending the same school you attended as a child. A neighborhood school is the epicenter of its community—Bringing together people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and different beliefs and values, and uniting them under one common mission: Building the Future of Baton Rouge.
Athletic achievements

Athletics is an important element of a student’s overall education, and the EBRPSS offers many team and club sports ... football, baseball, basketball, track and field, volleyball, cheerleading, tennis and gymnastics to name just a few. Participation in sports provides students with many benefits such as fitness, social relationships and positive mentors. It also teaches valuable skills, including leadership, time management and teamwork. We are proud of all of our student-athletes, many of whom have competed at the highest level.

Scotlandville High

2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Boys’ State Basketball Division I Champions.

This marked the third consecutive title for the Hornets.

Head Coach Carlos Sample has now led Scotlandville to 10 title game appearances with a total of six championship wins.
Lee High
2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Girls’ State Basketball Division II Champions.
Head Coach Valencia Wilson was named 2019 Coach of the Year.

Baton Rouge Magnet High
The Boys’ Gymnastics team won the LHSAA Allstate/Sugar Bowl State overall team title for the fifth consecutive year.
This marked Baton Rouge Magnet High’s 26th state boys’ title under Coach Kevin Nee.

Woodlawn High
Sophomore Leah Medine won the Division II Region III Tournament.
Jefferson Terrace Academy

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, supporters, and students are looking forward to the opening of the new Jefferson Terrace Academy, which will be located on Azrok Avenue a few blocks from the current facility on Cal Road. The new school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2020 and will serve Pre-K through 8th grade students with cutting-edge technology, innovative learning environments and collaborative work spaces.

At 125,000 square feet, the school will house 900 students. Special features include a state-of-the-art series of STEAM labs, a media center, modern learning communities, and new athletic facilities, all surrounding a dynamic courtyard space at the “heart” of the campus, encouraging student community and outdoor learning.

“Our team is excited about this project,” said Marcus Williams, program director at CSRS | Tillage. “It will be the district’s first new Pre-K through eighth grade 21st-century designed school and the last project from the Tax Plan of 2008. As a Jefferson Terrace alumni, I’m anxious to see the impact it will have on the students and the surrounding community.”

Jefferson Terrace Elementary Principal Zane Whittington looks forward to the newly expanded school for faculty and students. “It will allow us to meet the needs of even more children and help them learn in a safe and fun environment,” he said.
Solid foundation starts at the very beginning

YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS

THE EBRPSS FOUNDATION encourages integrated approaches to learning that guide students to become critical thinkers, problem solvers and exemplary citizens. In partnership with community stakeholders in the private and public sectors, and with input from professional educators, academic research, parents and students, we seek measurable gains in three critical areas: student achievement; community involvement; and the support of innovative and effective teaching.

Our mission is to enhance education, champion innovation and provide sustained financial support to public schools within the EBRPSS. The Foundation shares its mission with more than 10,000 similar nonprofit organizations nationwide dedicated to improving the quality of public schools and strengthening relationships between school districts and the communities they serve.

From the very first day of school, educators focus on an integrated approach to learning.
Our school system is fortunate to have educators who consistently inspire, encourage, and motivate our students to reach their highest potential. Their skills, their talent and most of all, their passion ... has great influence on our students. There is no higher calling than the desire to help shape the minds, hearts, and futures of a generation.
Superintendent Warren Drake will retire at the end of the school year after 40 years as an educator. He spent 27 years in the EBR schools—13 as a teacher, three as assistant principal at Broadmoor High School, six as principal at Tara High School, and five as superintendent. He was also the first superintendent of the Zachary Community School District for 10 years and spent another three years at the state department. He shares his thoughts and fond memories of his long and successful career as he prepares to say goodbye.

Q: What has been your biggest honor serving as the Superintendent?
A: There is no greater honor than the privilege of serving this community. The principals, teachers, parents and students that I have had the pleasure of working with are the reason I love what I do and continue to feel the passion for this calling.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge?
A: By far, the biggest challenge I faced in my career was the historic Flood of 2016. Tens of thousands of students, families and staff were displaced, and we had to close 15 of our facilities. Despite that devastating flood, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for everyone who stepped in to continue to educate the children of East Baton Rouge Parish. We all banded together and carried on with what needed to be done for our students.

Q: What would you like your legacy to be?
A: I have made it my mission and my purpose to always be fair and honest with students, parents, the community and our tremendous employees who serve us so well. I would hope that my legacy will be that I helped instill in our team the intangibles of attention to detail, initiative, responsibility and drive with a sense of ownership in our system. We are always in pursuit of excellence, but we will only achieve that by being kindhearted, enthusiastic, and passionate public servants.

Q: Name a few things you hope to see continue after you leave.
A: The team we have in place made up of our outstanding teachers and staff will allow us to continue to grow academically and meet the expectations of our parents, the board and the state. The strong relationships we have built with our community—including our pastors, local businesses, and community partners—will continue to enhance educational and character-building opportunities for our students.

Q: Did you experience any life-changing moments during your tenure?
A: There are too many to count. Teaching is the greatest profession in the world. It is unique in the sense that you never stop seeing the product of your successes. My former students always stop me in the streets and remind me of our time spent in the classroom together and update me on what they have accomplished. Knowing that I have touched someone’s life is the greatest gift. Our bottom line is not money, but people. Servant leadership is what we strive for and what I love to see in our children.
2019 School Performance Scores

The Louisiana Department of Education recently released the 2019 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 (96%) of district schools showed growth under the new progress measures to provide further evidence that EBRPSS is steadily closing the achievement gap.

- The school system maintained a “C” letter grade but grew 3.7 points, almost quadrupling the state’s growth. In a year where the state average increase was +1 point, EBR ranks in the top 10 school systems for one year growth for the second consecutive year (7th in 2019).
- The district’s progress letter grade is a B, as is the state average.
- The district grew by +8.3 points and maintained a B for the strength of diploma index that includes 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 and was second in the state in schools earning “Top Gains.”

27 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.

96% of district schools earned a Progress Letter Grade of ‘C’ or higher, and 48% of district schools earned a progress letter grade of ‘A.’
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