

# Plaquemines Parish Dropout Profile



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- Low Education Level of Parents
- Large Number of Siblings
- Not Living with Both Natural Parents
- Family Disruption

### **Family Engagement/Commitment to Education**

- Low Education Expectation (page 10)
- Sibling Has Dropped Out
- Low Contact with School
- Lack of Conversation About School

### **Social Attitudes, Values and Behaviors**

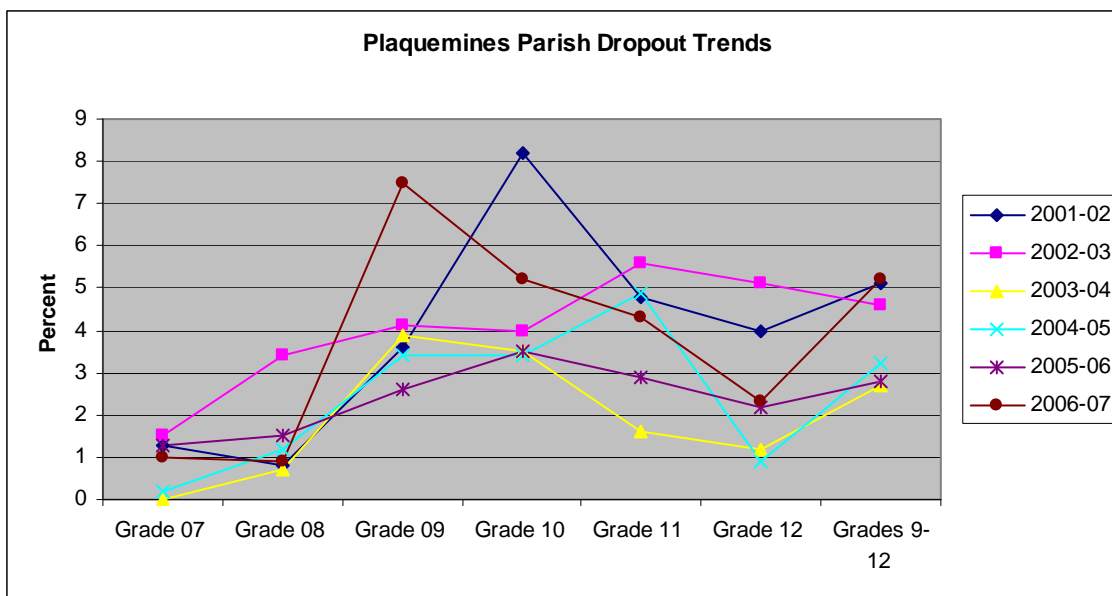
- High-Risk Peer Group
- High-Risk Social Behavior
- Highly Active Outside of School

### **Individual Background Characteristics**

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

### Plaquemines Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

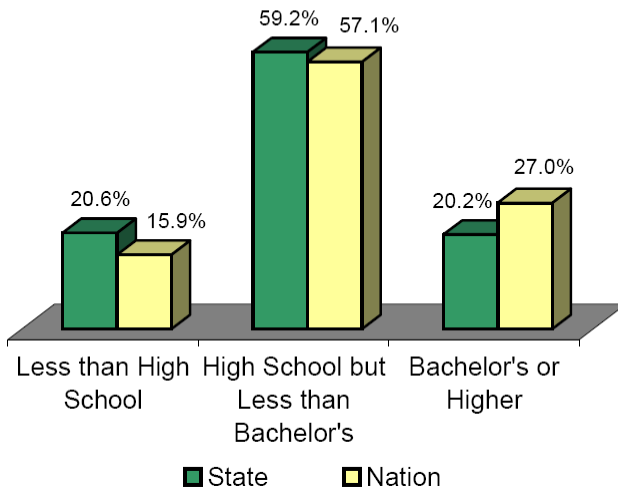
Year	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	1.3	0.8	3.6	8.2	4.8	4	5.1
2002-03	1.5	3.4	4.1	4	5.6	5.1	4.6
2003-04	0	0.7	3.9	3.5	1.6	1.2	2.7
2004-05	0.2	1.2	3.4	3.4	4.9	0.9	3.2
2005-06	1.3	1.5	2.6	3.5	2.9	2.2	2.8
2006-07	1	0.9	7.5	5.2	4.3	2.3	5.2



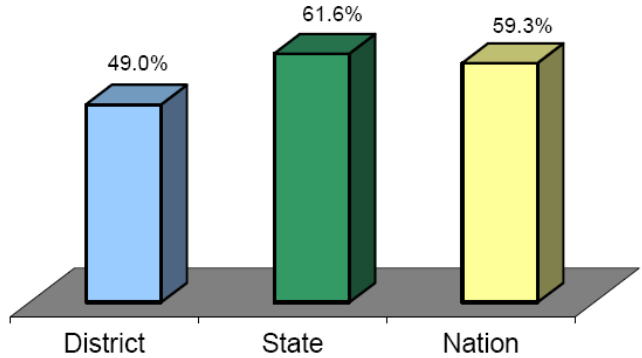
### Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Grade 7	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.5	2.6	1.6
Grade 8	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.3	4.2	4.2
Grade 9	6.3	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.8
Grade 10	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.2
Grade 11	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4
Grade 12	7.0	7.5	9.0	7.6	7.1	7.1
Louisiana State Total (All Grades)	6.6	7.0	7.4	7.0	6.9	6.9

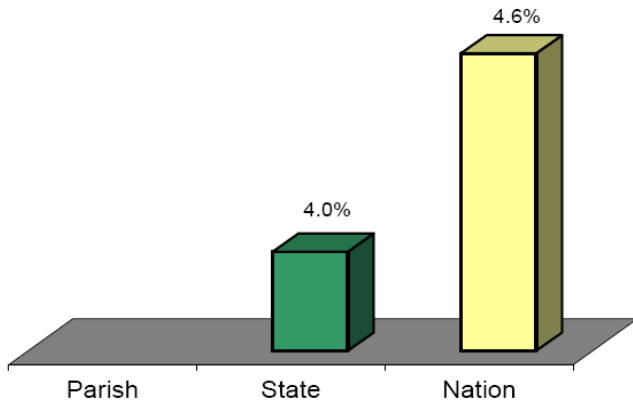
### Educational Attainment at State and National Levels



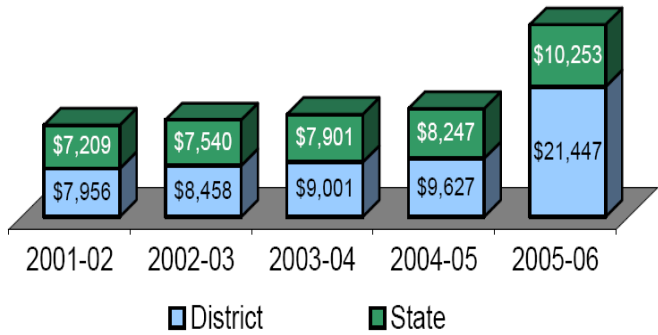
### Student Participation in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program



### Unemployment Rate



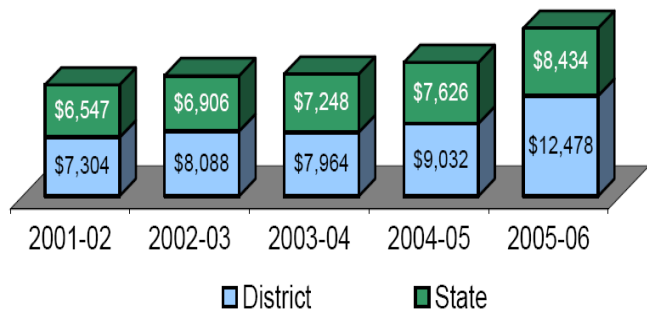
### Revenues Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)



### Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$39,603	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	16.2%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	20.7%	27.8%	18.3%

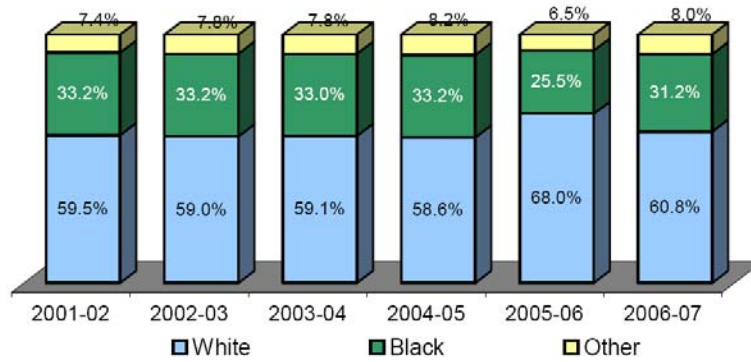
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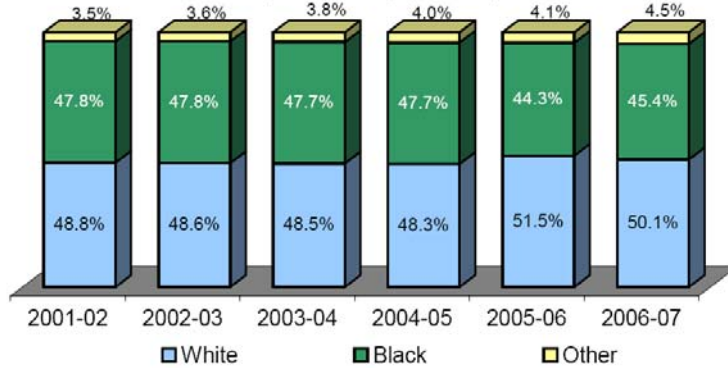
### Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	9.1%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	5.9%	16.1%	12.5%

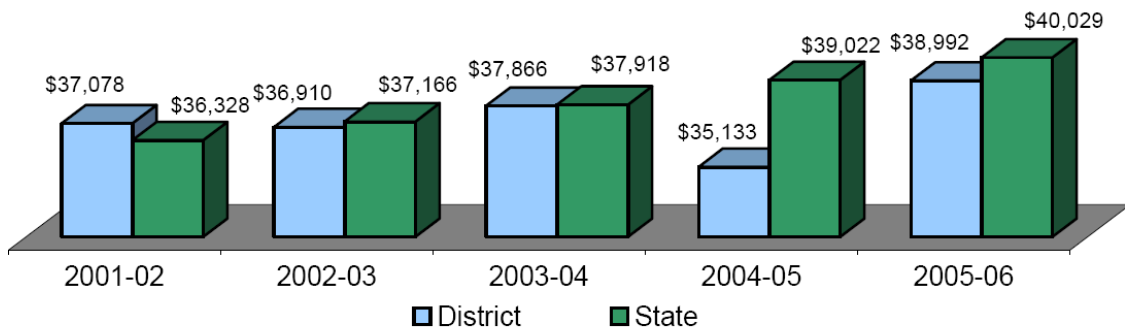
District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



State's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



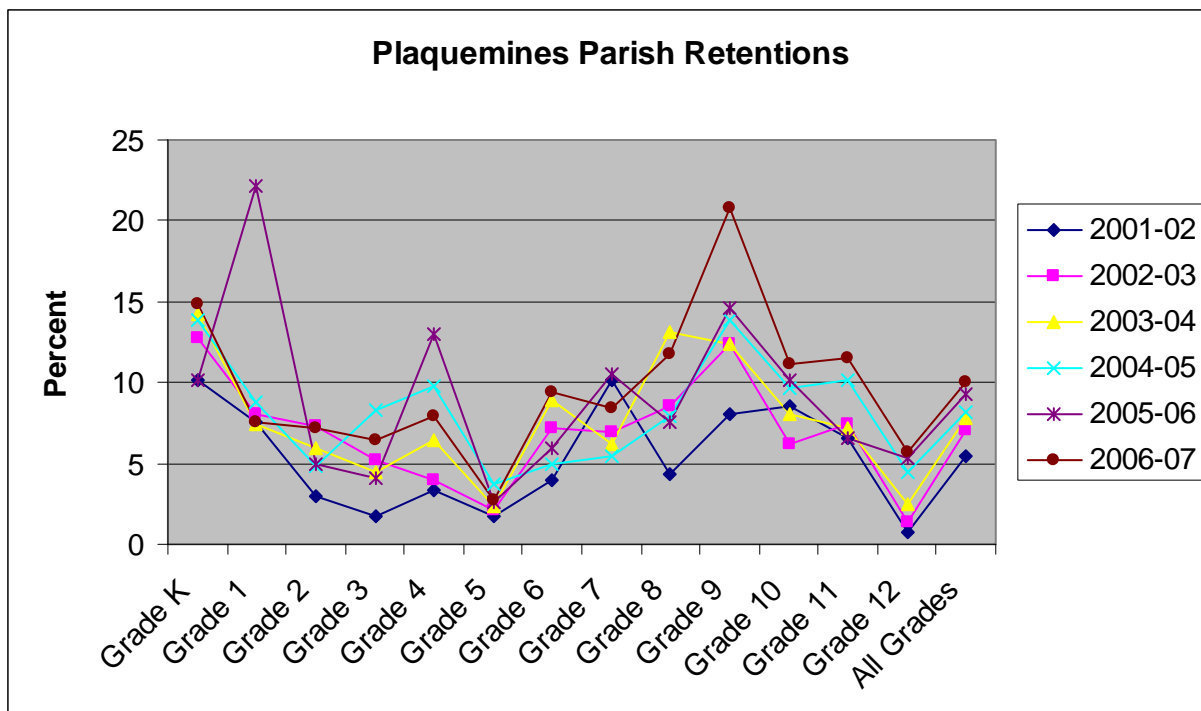
Average Classroom Teacher Salary



## Risk Factor: Student Retention

### Plaquemines Parish Student Retention

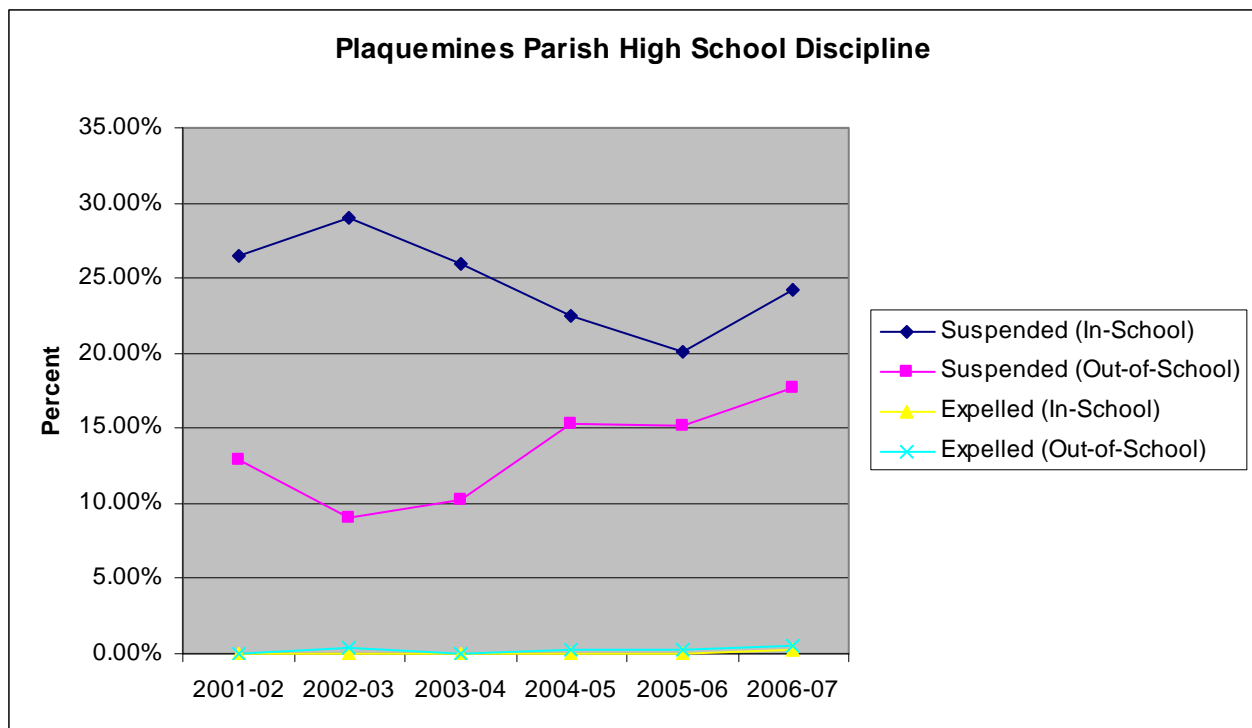
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	10.2	38	12.8	46	14.2	53	13.8	52	10.1	41	14.8	39
Grade 1	7.5	27	8.1	30	7.4	25	8.8	32	22.2	81	7.6	19
Grade 2	3	11	7.3	26	5.9	21	4.8	16	5	18	7.2	15
Grade 3	1.7	6	5.2	20	4.4	15	8.3	30	4.1	15	6.4	15
Grade 4	3.4	13	4	15	6.4	24	9.8	36	13	49	7.9	17
Grade 5	1.7	6	2.1	8	2.3	8	3.7	13	2.6	9	2.7	6
Grade 6	3.9	13	7.2	26	8.9	35	4.9	19	5.9	22	9.4	23
Grade 7	10.1	36	6.9	25	6.2	21	5.4	20	10.5	43	8.4	23
Grade 8	4.3	16	8.6	30	13.1	47	7.9	31	7.6	29	11.8	31
Grade 9	8	28	12.4	50	12.4	48	13.9	56	14.6	62	20.8	65
Grade 10	8.5	32	6.2	20	8	28	9.6	34	10.1	38	11.2	29
Grade 11	6.6	22	7.4	24	7.2	21	10.2	32	6.6	19	11.5	27
Grade 12	0.8	2	1.3	4	2.5	8	4.4	14	5.3	17	5.7	12
All	5.5	250	7	324	7.8	354	8.2	385	9.3	443	10	321



## Risk Factor: Student Discipline

### Plaquemines Parish- High School **Discipline**

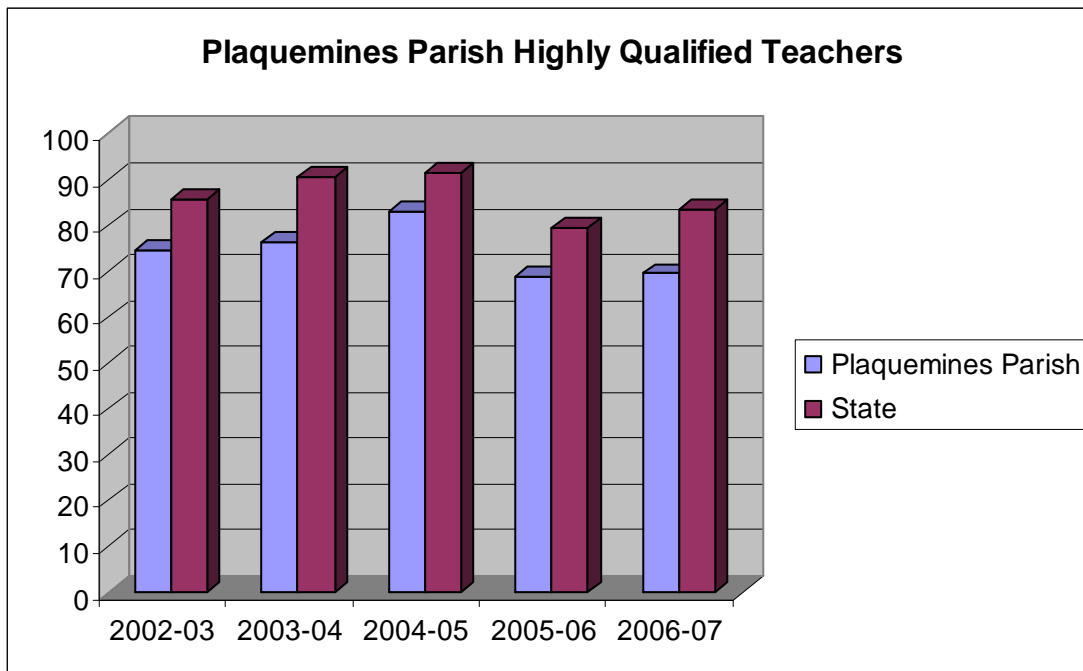
School Year	Suspension In-School		Suspension Out-of-School		Expulsion In-School		Expulsion Out-of-School	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	28.97%	228	9.02%	71	0.00%		0.38%	3
2003-04	25.96%	224	10.31%	89	0.00%		0.00%	
2004-05	22.56%	203	15.33%	138	0.00%		0.22%	2
2005-06	20.08%	206	15.11%	155	0.00%		0.29%	3
2006-07	24.20%	326	17.67%	238	0.22%	3	0.59%	8



## Teacher Quality

### Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Plaquemines Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	74.7	76.4	83	69	69.5
Louisiana Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	85.6	90.5	91.4	79.6	83.5



## Risk Factor: Student Engagement and Family Background

### Plaquemines Parish Dropout Reasons

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	85	78.7
Academic Difficulty	8	7.4
Behavioral Difficulty	1	.9
Dislike of School Experience	11	10.2
Employment	0	0
Entered Criminal Justice System	0	0
Lack of Appropriate Curriculum	1	.9
Military	0	0
Needed at Home	0	0
Parent/Guardian Influence	0	0
Pregnancy	1	.9
Reason Unknown	1	.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100</b>

### Plaquemines Dropout Truancy

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	86	79.6
Truant	22	20.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100</b>
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	5,890	36.0

### Plaquemines Parish Dropout: Options Program Participation

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	104	96.3
Option 3 (GED Program)	4	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100</b>
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1924	11.7

### Plaquemines Dropout Homelessness

	Plaquemines Counts	Plaquemines Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	108	100	15,834	96.6
Hotels/Motels	0	0	8	.0
Shelters	0	0	28	.2
Sharing Housing with Others	0	0	412	2.5
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	55	.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,383</b>	<b>100</b>

## Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

### Plaquemines Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	41	38.0
Male	67	62.0
Total	108	100

### Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	6,686	40.8
Male	9,697	59.2
Total	16,383	100

### Plaquemines Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	63	58.3
Free Lunch	35	32.4
Reduced Lunch	10	9.3
Total	108	100

### Louisiana Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	6,883	42.0
Free Lunch	8,954	54.7
Reduced Lunch	546	3.3
Total	16,383	100

### Plaquemines Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	2	1.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	9	8.3
African American	29	26.9
Hispanic	6	5.6
Caucasian	62	57.4
Total	108	100

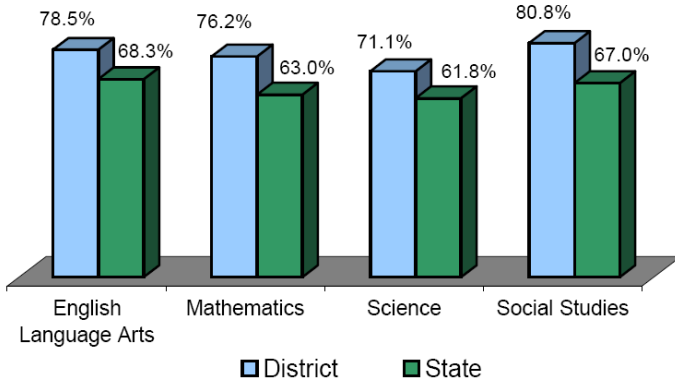
### Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	120	.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	164	1.0
African American	10,439	63.7
Hispanic	452	2.8
Caucasian	5,208	31.8
Total	16,383	100

## Risk Factor: School Performance

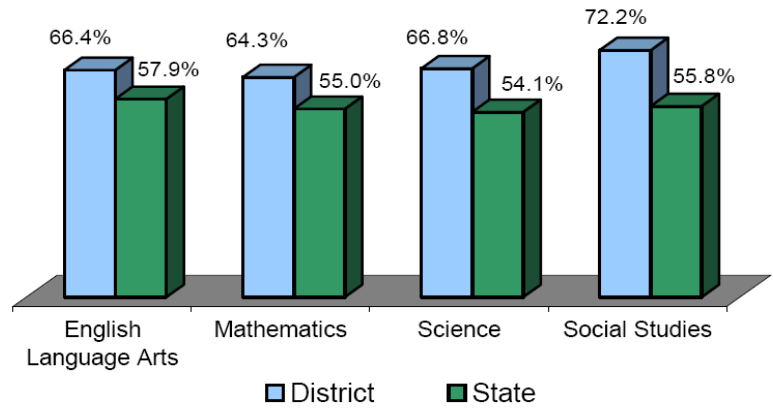
### Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above  
(2006-2007)



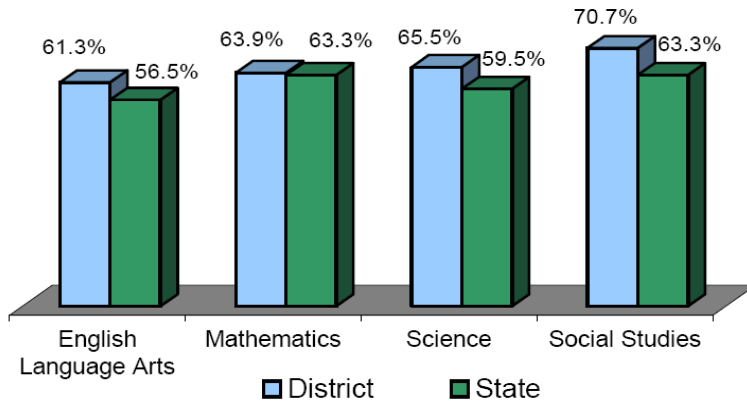
### Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above  
(2006-2007)



### GEE Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above  
(2006-2007)



## District Indicator Results Student Achievement

Grade 4 LEAP Test Results													
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
<b>District</b>													
<b>English Language Arts</b>													
	Advanced	4.9	18	1.0	4	5.3	20	5.8	22	6.4	13	6.6	17
	Mastery*	21.5	79	17.2	67	25.9	97	24.6	93	21.2	43	21.9	56
	Basic	47.0	173	53.5	208	41.9	157	40.5	153	51.2	104	50.0	128
	Approaching Basic	21.2	78	17.0	66	14.9	56	21.7	82	17.2	35	14.1	36
	Unsatisfactory	5.4	20	11.3	44	12.0	45	7.4	28	3.9	8	7.4	19
<b>Mathematics</b>													
	Advanced	6.5	24	6.4	25	3.7	14	4.2	16	6.4	13	7.8	20
	Mastery*	17.4	64	24.2	94	23.7	89	20.4	77	26.1	53	16.8	43
	Basic	52.3	192	44.2	172	37.3	140	49.2	186	48.3	98	51.6	132
	Approaching Basic	16.3	60	12.6	49	18.7	70	15.9	60	12.3	25	14.8	38
	Unsatisfactory	7.4	27	12.6	49	16.5	62	10.3	39	6.9	14	9.0	23
<b>Science</b>													
	Advanced	4.6	17	1.3	5	0.5	2	7.9	30	3.4	7	3.5	9
	Mastery*	17.4	64	17.7	69	22.4	84	17.5	66	13.7	28	13.3	34
	Basic	55.9	205	45.2	176	43.7	164	50.3	190	54.4	111	54.3	139
	Approaching Basic	18.0	66	25.7	100	26.1	98	19.0	72	24.5	50	23.4	60
	Unsatisfactory	4.1	15	10.0	39	7.2	27	5.3	20	3.9	8	5.5	14
<b>Social Studies</b>													
	Advanced	1.6	6	1.5	6	1.6	6	2.1	8	2.0	4	4.3	11
	Mastery*	12.0	44	14.4	56	20.8	78	13.8	52	21.1	43	16.0	41
	Basic	56.7	208	59.4	231	44.8	168	56.6	214	54.9	112	60.5	155
	Approaching Basic	21.8	80	14.7	57	18.4	69	15.3	58	17.2	35	12.9	33
	Unsatisfactory	7.9	29	10.0	39	14.4	54	12.2	46	4.9	10	6.3	16

## District Indicator Results *Student Achievement*

Grade 8 LEAP Test Results													
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
<b>District</b>													
<b>English Language Arts</b>													
Advanced		2.6	8	0.6	2	0.6	2	1.1	4	4.7	10	1.1	3
Mastery*		16.0	50	14.4	49	11.6	41	14.0	50	19.0	40	17.5	48
Basic		40.4	126	44.7	152	44.3	156	37.1	132	49.3	104	47.8	131
Approaching Basic		38.5	120	32.9	112	32.1	113	36.8	131	20.9	44	26.6	73
Unsatisfactory		2.6	8	7.4	25	11.4	40	11.0	39	6.2	13	6.9	19
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced		1.6	5	2.4	8	1.7	6	2.2	8	2.3	5	8.4	23
Mastery*		2.9	9	6.2	21	4.8	17	5.6	20	6.5	14	6.6	18
Basic		50.6	158	47.6	162	57.4	202	50.3	179	56.0	121	49.3	135
Approaching Basic		32.4	101	25.9	88	22.2	78	24.7	88	19.4	42	21.9	60
Unsatisfactory		12.5	39	17.9	61	13.9	49	17.1	61	15.7	34	13.9	38
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced		1.3	4	0.6	2	2.3	8	0.8	3	2.4	5	2.6	7
Mastery*		18.3	57	11.4	39	17.3	61	16.6	59	14.4	30	25.5	70
Basic		41.7	130	42.5	145	38.1	134	40.2	143	45.5	95	38.7	106
Approaching Basic		33.7	105	33.4	114	26.7	94	32.3	115	26.8	56	24.8	68
Unsatisfactory		5.1	16	12.0	41	15.6	55	10.1	36	11.0	23	8.4	23
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced		1.3	4	0.0	0	0.6	2	1.1	4	1.0	2	1.8	5
Mastery*		9.9	31	7.9	27	11.1	39	12.1	43	16.3	34	17.5	48
Basic		54.8	171	47.8	163	46.4	163	50.0	178	52.6	110	52.9	145
Approaching Basic		25.3	79	28.4	97	29.6	104	21.9	78	20.1	42	16.8	46
Unsatisfactory		8.7	27	15.8	54	12.3	43	14.9	53	10.0	21	10.9	30

## District Indicator Results *Student Achievement*

Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Results													
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
<b>District</b>													
<b>English Language Arts</b>													
Advanced	0.0	0	0.3	1	2.6	9	2.2	8	1.4	3	1.5	4	
Mastery*	10.6	33	10.2	34	21.5	74	20.4	73	18.8	42	9.8	26	
Basic	40.8	127	46.5	155	44.5	153	50.8	182	52.0	116	50.0	133	
Approaching Basic	31.8	99	24.0	80	20.9	72	18.7	67	16.6	37	24.8	66	
Unsatisfactory	16.7	52	18.9	63	10.5	36	7.8	28	11.2	25	13.9	37	
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced	6.5	20	6.9	23	8.4	29	7.0	25	7.6	17	4.5	12	
Mastery*	14.2	44	20.1	67	24.7	85	22.9	82	20.6	46	13.2	35	
Basic	42.1	130	48.3	161	45.1	155	46.1	165	45.3	101	46.2	123	
Approaching Basic	15.2	47	12.0	40	10.8	37	10.3	37	12.6	28	18.4	49	
Unsatisfactory	22.0	68	12.6	42	11.0	38	13.7	49	13.9	31	17.7	47	
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced	3.6	12	3.1	9	1.6	5	3.0	9	4.2	10	3.4	8	
Mastery*	17.4	58	16.3	48	18.3	57	17.7	54	9.8	23	16.6	39	
Basic	42.5	142	49.8	147	46.2	144	51.1	156	41.5	98	45.5	107	
Approaching Basic	21.6	72	19.3	57	24.4	76	20.0	61	36.0	85	22.6	53	
Unsatisfactory	15.0	50	11.5	34	9.6	30	8.2	25	8.5	20	11.9	28	
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced	0.6	2	2.0	6	0.6	2	0.3	1	1.3	3	0.9	2	
Mastery*	9.0	30	12.5	37	11.9	37	7.9	24	7.2	17	14.5	34	
Basic	53.9	180	54.9	162	66.3	207	69.4	211	61.9	146	55.3	130	
Approaching Basic	21.0	70	21.4	63	16.0	50	15.5	47	21.2	50	20.4	48	
Unsatisfactory	15.6	52	9.2	27	5.1	16	6.9	21	8.5	20	8.9	21	