

Rapides Parish Dropout Profile



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- Not Living with Both Natural Parents
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Family Engagement/Commitment to Education

- Low Education Expectation (page 10)
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- Low Contact with School
- Lack of Conversation About School

Social Attitudes, Values and Behaviors

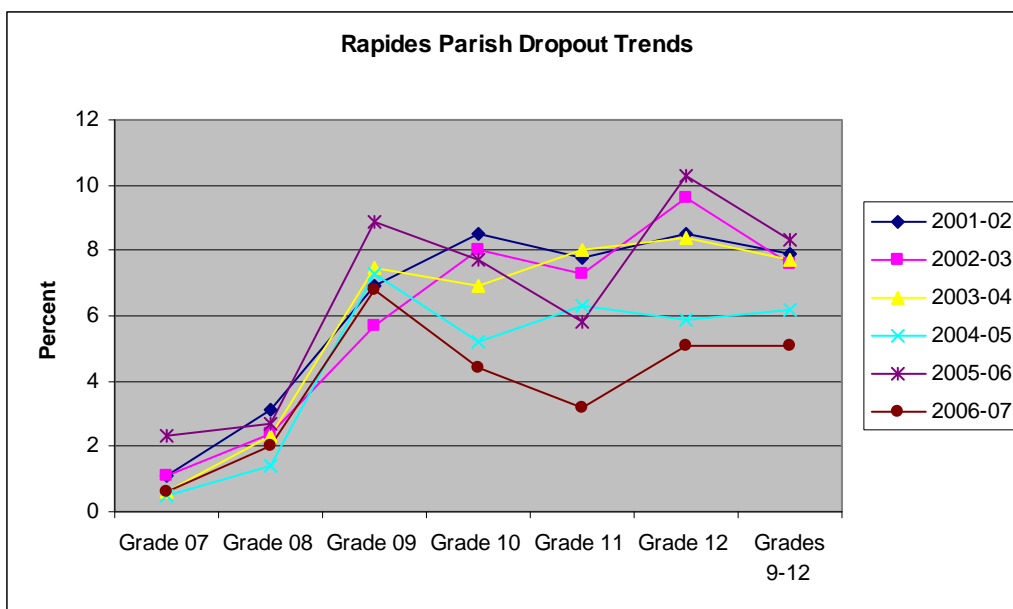
- High-Risk Peer Group
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- Highly Active Outside of School

Individual Background Characteristics

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

Rapides Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

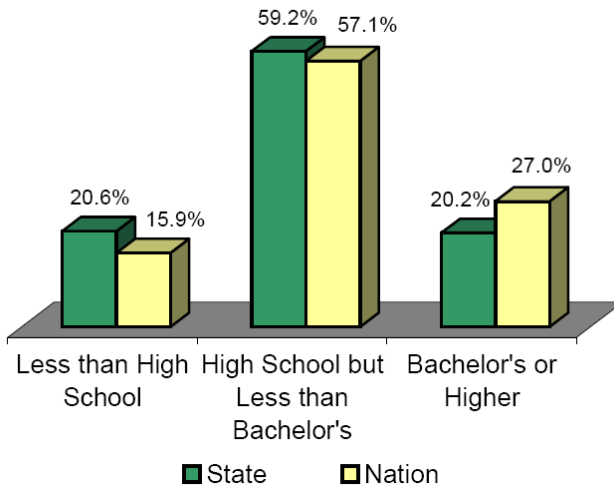
Year	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	1.1	3.1	6.9	8.5	7.8	8.5	7.9
2002-03	1.1	2.4	5.7	8	7.3	9.6	7.6
2003-04	0.6	2.3	7.5	6.9	8	8.4	7.7
2004-05	0.5	1.4	7.3	5.2	6.3	5.9	6.2
2005-06	2.3	2.7	8.9	7.7	5.8	10.3	8.3
2006-07	0.6	2	6.8	4.4	3.2	5.1	5.1



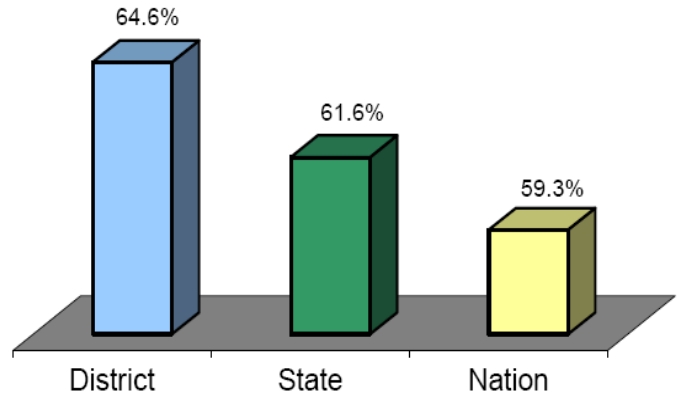
Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	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

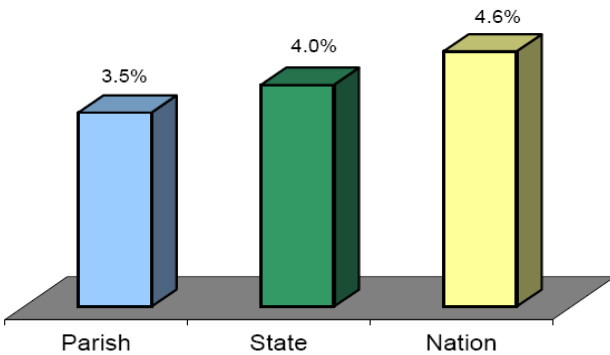
Educational Attainment at State and National Levels



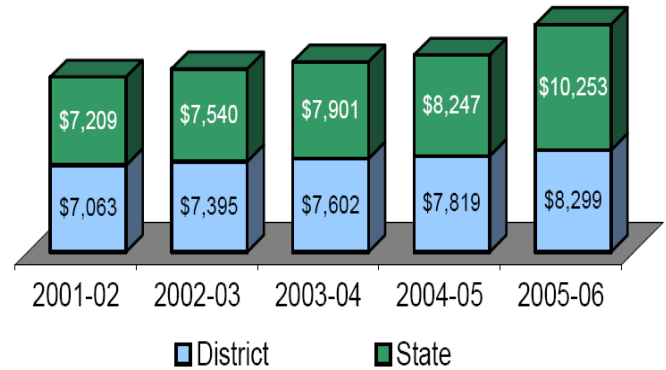
Student Participation in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program



Unemployment Rate



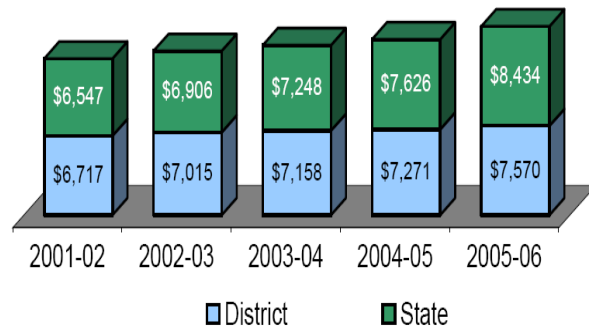
Revenues Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)



Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$32,569	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	20.2%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	26.3%	27.8%	18.3%

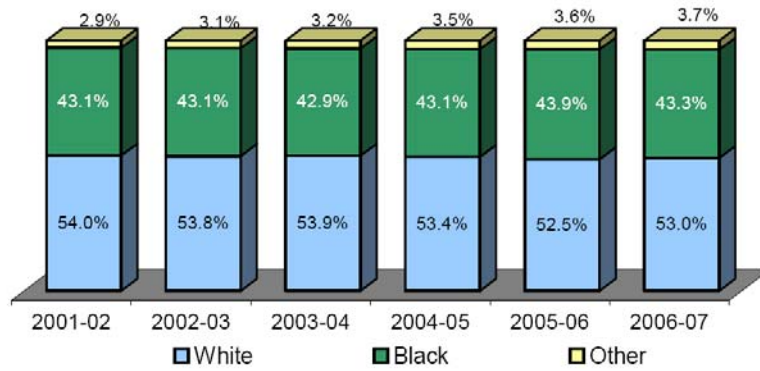
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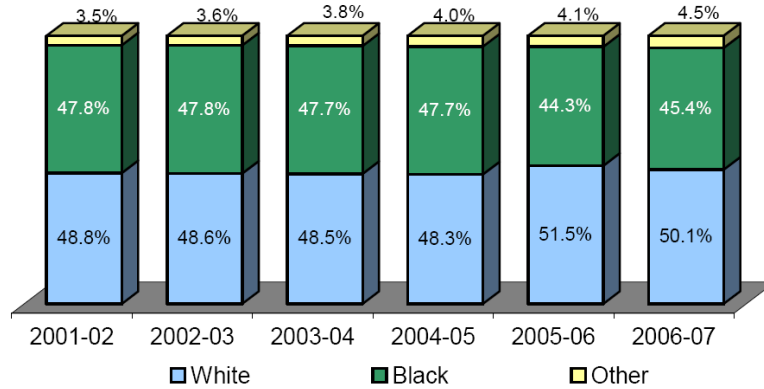
Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

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

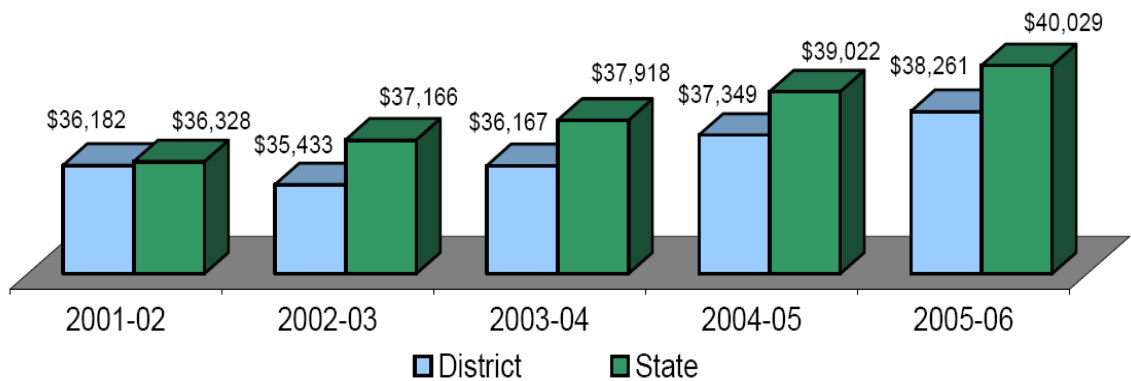
District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



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



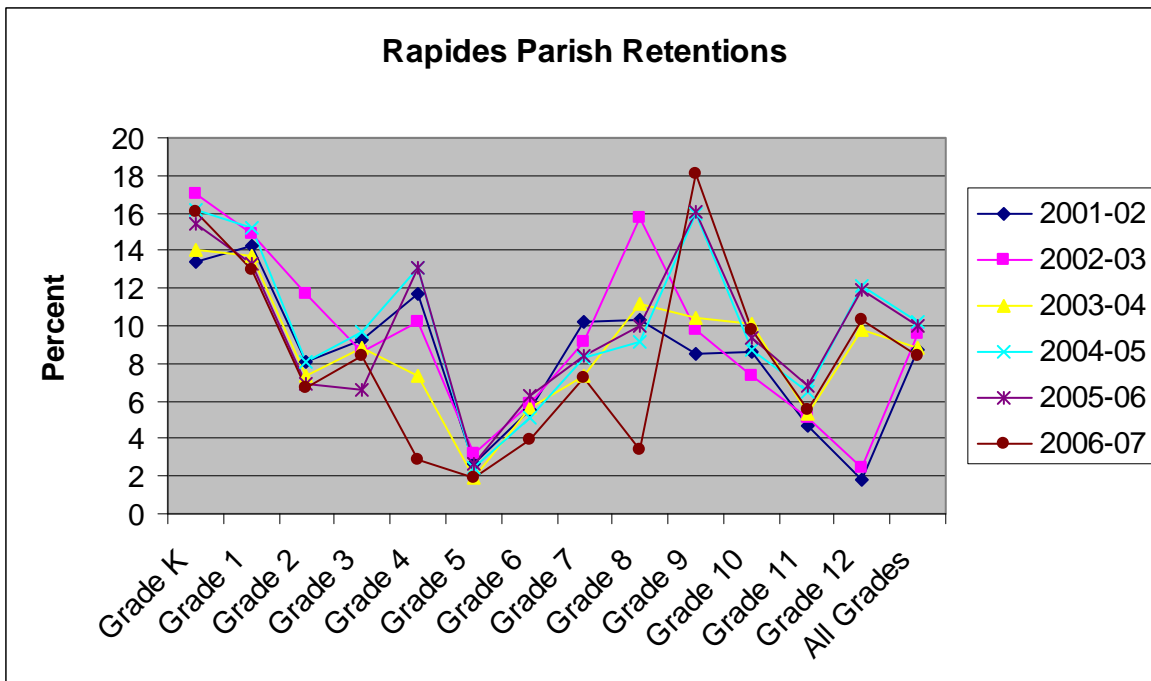
Average Classroom Teacher Salary



Risk Factor: Student Retention

Rapides Parish Student Retention

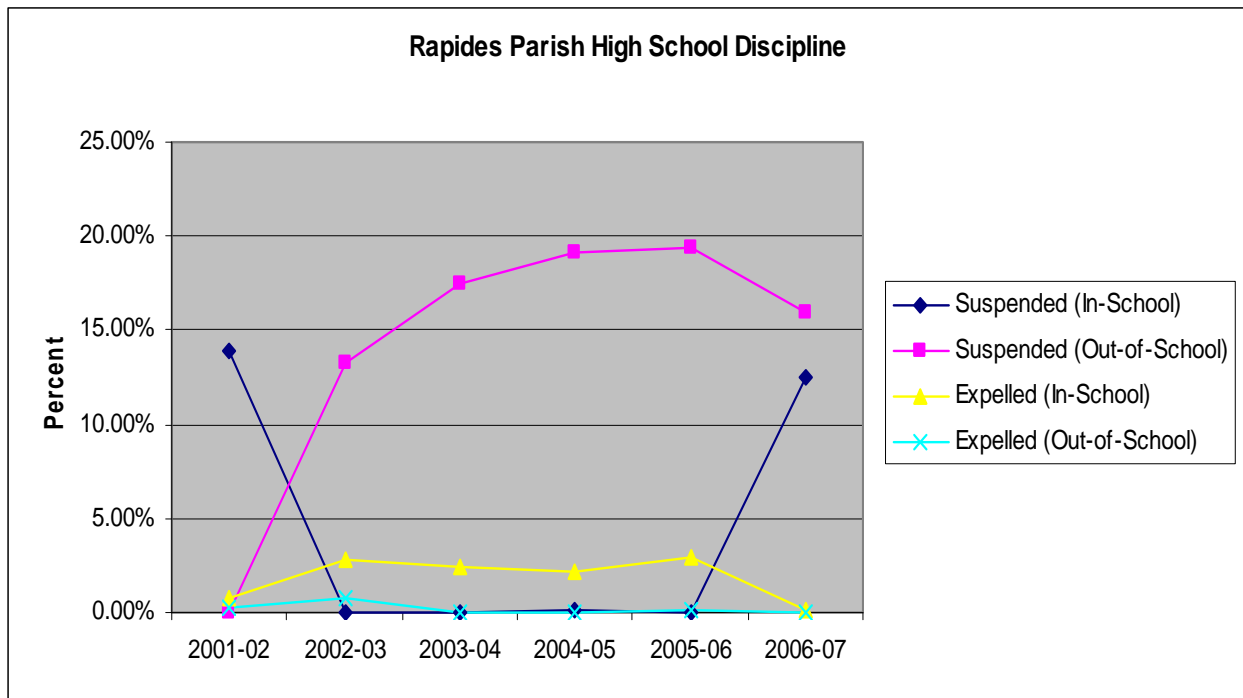
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	13.4	247	17	299	14	239	16.2	298	15.4	297	16.1	326
Grade 1	14.3	271	14.9	278	13.7	241	15.2	265	13.3	243	13	258
Grade 2	8.1	140	11.7	206	7.3	130	8.1	135	6.9	114	6.7	116
Grade 3	9.3	158	8.6	147	8.8	150	9.7	177	6.6	112	8.4	142
Grade 4	11.7	211	10.2	175	7.3	124	13.1	221	13.1	245	2.9	55
Grade 5	2.7	40	3.2	49	1.9	30	2.5	39	2.7	39	1.9	33
Grade 6	5.5	86	5.9	95	5.6	91	5.1	84	6.3	105	3.9	63
Grade 7	10.2	175	9.1	152	7.3	124	8.3	140	8.4	142	7.2	125
Grade 8	10.3	189	15.7	272	11.2	192	9.2	161	10	170	3.4	58
Grade 9	8.5	136	9.8	161	10.4	166	16	259	16.1	268	18.1	316
Grade 10	8.6	142	7.3	109	10.1	146	8.7	133	9.4	133	9.8	139
Grade 11	4.7	70	5.1	78	5.3	72	6.5	82	6.8	88	5.5	69
Grade 12	1.8	25	2.5	34	9.8	140	12.1	182	11.9	158	10.3	145
All Grades	8.7	1,890	9.6	2,055	8.8	1,845	10.2	2,176	10	2,114	8.4	1,845



Risk Factor: Student Discipline

Rapides Parish- High School **Discipline**

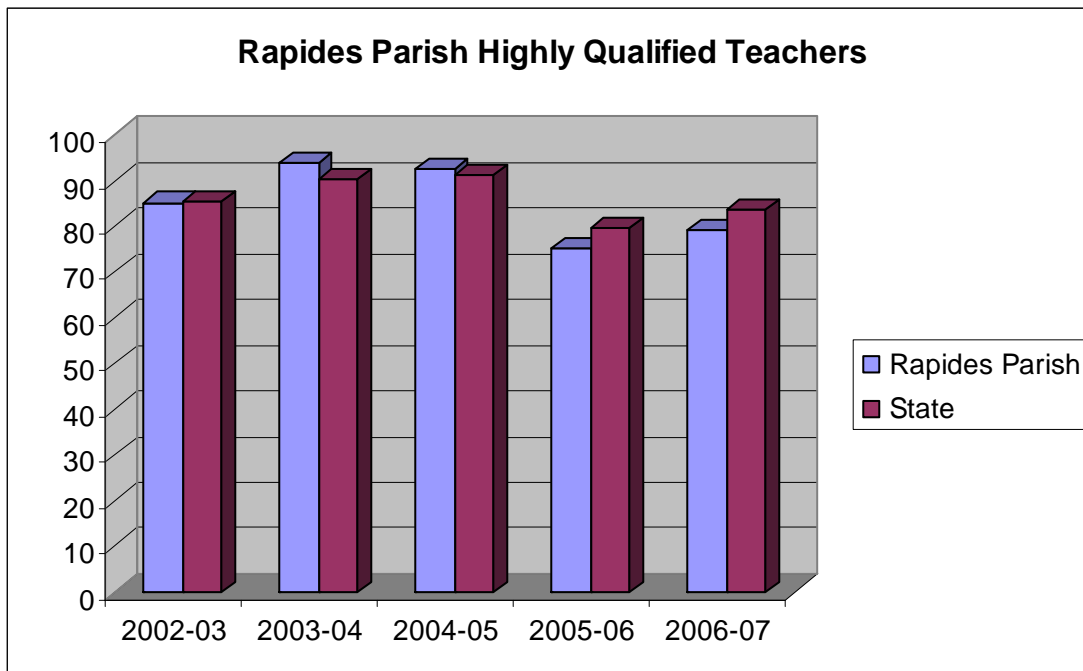
School Year	Suspension In-School		Suspension Out-of-School		Expulsion In-School		Expulsion Out-of-School	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	0.00%		13.31%	932	2.81%	197	0.73%	51
2003-04	0.00%		17.51%	1205	2.48%	171	0.03%	2
2004-05	0.15%	10	19.13%	1307	2.21%	151	0.06%	4
2005-06	0.01%	1	19.39%	1451	2.97%	222	0.12%	9
2006-07	12.50%	852	15.91%	1084	0.13%	9	0.00%	



Teacher Quality

Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Rapides Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	85.2	93.8	92.5	75.1	79.3
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

Rapides Parish **Dropout Reasons**

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	702	95.3
Academic Difficulty	5	.7
Behavioral Difficulty	0	0
Dislike of School Experience	11	1.5
Employment	3	.4
Entered Criminal Justice System	0	0
Lack of Childcare	1	.1
Military	0	0
Health Problems	2	.3
Parent/Guardian Influence	0	0
Pregnancy	1	.1
Reason Unknown	10	1.4
Total	735	100

Rapides Dropout **Truancy**

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	626	84.9
Truant	111	15.1
Total	737	100
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	4,736	28.9

Rapides Parish Dropout: **Options Program Participation**

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	736	99.9
Option 3 (GED Program)	1	.1
Total	737	100
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1,274	7.8

Rapides Dropout **Homelessness**

	Rapides Counts	Rapides Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	719	97.6	15,734	96.0
Hotels/Motels	0	0	6	.0
Shelters	3	.4	47	.3
Sharing Housing with Others	15	2.0	385	2.3
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	72	.4
Total	737	100	16,383	100

Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

Rapides Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	298	40.4
Male	439	59.6
Total	737	100

Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

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

Rapides Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	349	47.4
Free Lunch	375	50.9
Reduced Lunch	13	1.8
Total	737	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

Rapides Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	6	.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	.3
African American	437	59.3
Hispanic	8	1.1
Caucasian	284	38.5
Total	737	100

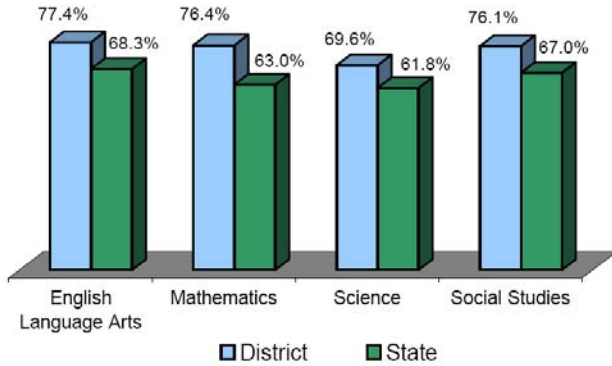
Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	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

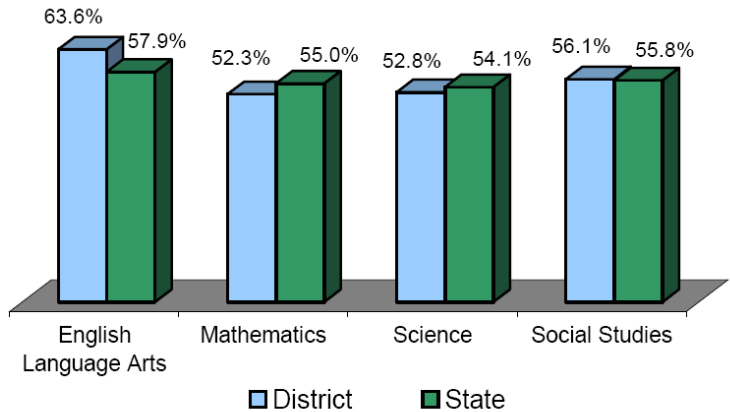
Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



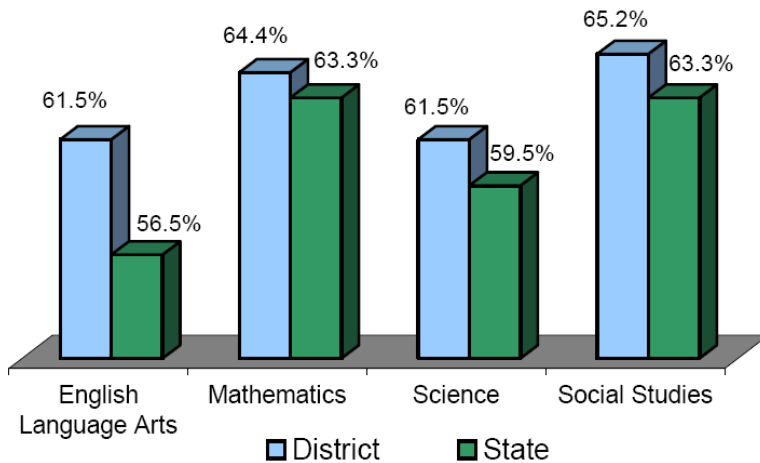
Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

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
District												
English Language Arts												
Advanced	3.0	52	0.6	11	2.7	45	2.4	46	4.6	85	4.0	63
Mastery*	18.4	317	16.8	294	23.1	385	21.5	411	18.1	338	23.8	374
Basic	43.4	750	50.3	882	44.5	743	45.9	876	47.8	892	49.6	780
Approaching Basic	28.2	487	23.4	410	19.2	321	20.8	398	18.6	347	15.8	249
Unsatisfactory	7.0	121	8.8	155	10.4	174	9.4	179	11.0	205	6.8	107
Mathematics												
Advanced	1.9	32	2.4	42	1.9	31	3.6	68	4.9	91	5.4	85
Mastery*	11.1	192	17.8	312	17.9	299	19.2	366	22.0	411	20.3	319
Basic	41.3	713	46.6	817	44.4	740	45.7	872	42.8	800	50.7	797
Approaching Basic	26.0	449	22.5	394	21.1	352	17.8	339	19.0	354	15.6	245
Unsatisfactory	19.7	341	10.7	188	14.7	245	13.7	262	11.3	211	8.1	127
Science												
Advanced	3.5	61	1.5	27	1.9	32	4.9	93	3.0	56	2.7	42
Mastery*	12.8	221	13.4	234	14.4	239	14.5	277	13.3	248	17.5	275
Basic	46.0	794	43.6	764	50.2	834	47.9	914	46.3	863	49.4	777
Approaching Basic	30.1	519	32.5	569	25.4	423	25.5	486	26.3	490	23.1	364
Unsatisfactory	7.6	132	9.0	157	8.1	135	7.2	137	11.2	208	7.3	115
Social Studies												
Advanced	1.0	18	1.8	32	1.3	22	1.1	21	2.0	38	2.7	43
Mastery*	11.0	190	13.5	237	19.0	316	10.3	197	15.9	296	16.8	264
Basic	53.4	922	55.2	966	48.9	813	54.8	1,043	51.2	956	56.6	891
Approaching Basic	23.9	413	20.7	363	18.4	306	22.9	436	18.6	347	14.5	228
Unsatisfactory	10.7	184	8.7	153	12.4	206	10.9	208	12.3	229	9.4	147

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
District													
English Language Arts													
Advanced	1.3	20	0.8	12	0.4	6	0.3	5	3.4	55	0.9	14	
Mastery*	15.3	231	15.3	240	8.0	127	15.4	248	13.3	215	15.4	244	
Basic	36.2	547	40.1	628	37.7	600	40.0	644	41.3	668	47.3	750	
Approaching Basic	39.3	594	33.1	519	39.3	626	31.7	510	32.3	523	27.9	442	
Unsatisfactory	7.9	120	10.7	168	14.6	233	12.5	201	9.8	158	8.6	137	
Mathematics													
Advanced	0.5	8	2.6	40	1.4	23	2.0	32	1.9	32	3.9	61	
Mastery*	2.8	42	5.2	82	4.6	74	5.5	88	3.2	54	4.5	72	
Basic	41.3	625	44.4	694	49.4	786	47.3	761	43.6	736	43.9	696	
Approaching Basic	30.4	460	23.3	365	22.5	358	22.5	362	25.4	429	26.4	419	
Unsatisfactory	25.0	378	24.5	383	22.0	351	22.7	366	26.0	439	21.3	337	
Science													
Advanced	1.3	20	0.8	13	1.1	17	1.6	26	1.6	25	1.1	18	
Mastery*	17.4	261	13.5	210	16.1	256	16.5	264	9.6	153	14.7	233	
Basic	39.2	589	35.1	548	35.5	563	36.3	580	35.6	570	37.0	585	
Approaching Basic	27.5	413	33.8	528	26.9	427	28.9	462	35.1	562	29.0	459	
Unsatisfactory	14.6	220	16.8	262	20.4	324	16.5	264	18.1	290	18.1	286	
Social Studies													
Advanced	0.5	8	0.3	4	0.6	9	0.9	14	1.2	19	1.3	21	
Mastery*	10.4	156	10.9	169	10.3	163	15.3	243	10.4	166	11.2	177	
Basic	50.6	761	45.7	711	46.8	741	46.0	732	44.4	709	43.6	688	
Approaching Basic	24.2	364	24.9	388	27.0	427	19.9	317	25.1	401	25.8	407	
Unsatisfactory	14.3	215	18.3	284	15.4	244	18.0	287	19.0	303	18.1	286	

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
District													
English Language Arts													
Advanced		2.0	30	1.1	17	3.0	46	1.9	27	1.4	20	1.2	16
Mastery*		14.6	217	12.1	181	18.5	284	19.1	270	16.0	226	11.3	155
Basic		43.6	646	43.3	650	41.8	641	43.5	614	50.6	716	49.0	674
Approaching Basic		21.5	319	23.4	351	21.3	327	22.5	318	20.5	290	25.9	356
Unsatisfactory		18.2	270	20.2	303	15.3	235	13.0	184	11.6	164	12.7	174
Mathematics													
Advanced		5.9	88	6.1	92	7.9	121	7.0	98	7.6	108	6.3	87
Mastery*		11.8	174	12.2	184	15.1	231	16.8	236	16.4	233	15.8	217
Basic		32.4	480	37.4	562	39.1	599	40.8	575	42.4	601	42.3	581
Approaching Basic		17.4	258	17.7	266	16.3	250	14.2	200	17.1	242	17.5	241
Unsatisfactory		32.4	480	26.6	400	21.6	330	21.2	299	16.6	235	18.0	248
Science													
Advanced		1.8	25	2.4	34	4.0	49	5.2	69	4.2	53	3.7	46
Mastery*		14.4	203	12.9	181	16.9	207	15.3	204	11.3	141	16.6	207
Basic		37.2	526	41.8	585	42.5	521	41.4	533	39.6	495	41.2	512
Approaching Basic		23.3	330	24.4	342	22.6	277	21.8	291	28.1	352	22.0	274
Unsatisfactory		23.3	330	18.4	257	14.0	172	16.3	218	16.8	210	16.5	205
Social Studies													
Advanced		1.1	15	2.2	31	1.6	20	1.9	26	1.5	19	1.4	18
Mastery*		9.8	139	12.7	178	14.5	178	10.3	138	9.1	113	9.7	121
Basic		45.0	636	47.3	661	50.7	621	52.5	701	53.0	662	54.1	674
Approaching Basic		21.5	303	20.5	287	21.6	264	19.2	256	22.1	276	20.9	260
Unsatisfactory		22.6	319	17.2	241	11.5	141	16.0	213	14.3	178	13.9	173