

# St. John the Baptist Parish Dropout Profile



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- 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**

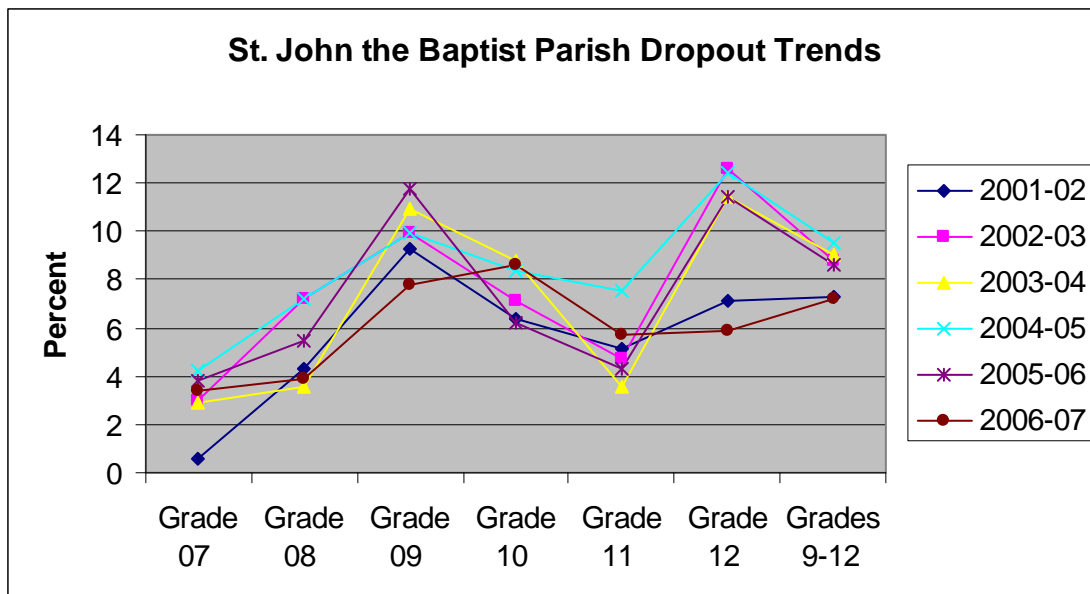
- High-Risk Peer Group
- High-Risk Social Behavior
- Highly Active Outside of School

### **Individual Background Characteristics**

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

### St. John Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

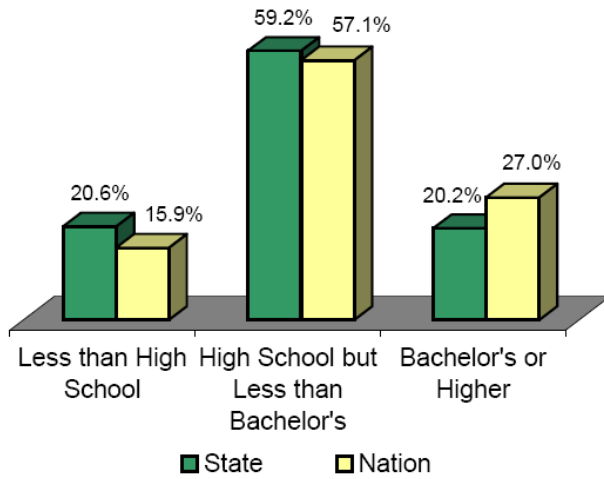
Year	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	0.6	4.3	9.3	6.4	5.1	7.1	7.3
2002-03	3	7.2	9.9	7.1	4.7	12.6	8.8
2003-04	2.9	3.6	10.9	8.8	3.6	11.4	9
2004-05	4.2	7.2	9.9	8.4	7.5	12.4	9.5
2005-06	3.8	5.5	11.8	6.2	4.3	11.4	8.6
2006-07	3.4	3.9	7.8	8.6	5.7	5.9	7.2



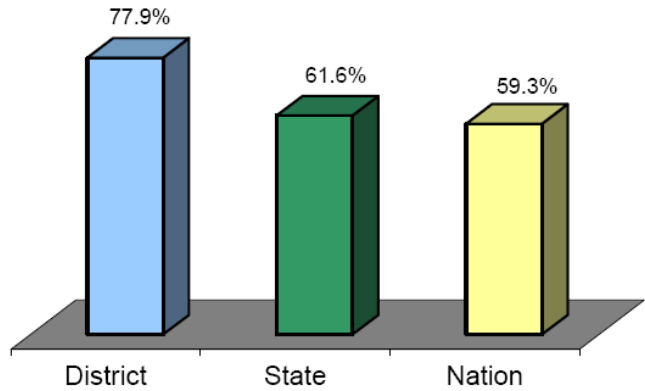
### Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	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

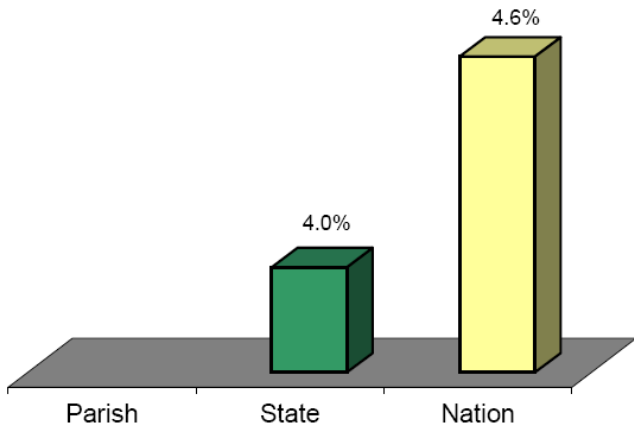
### Educational Attainment at State and National Levels



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

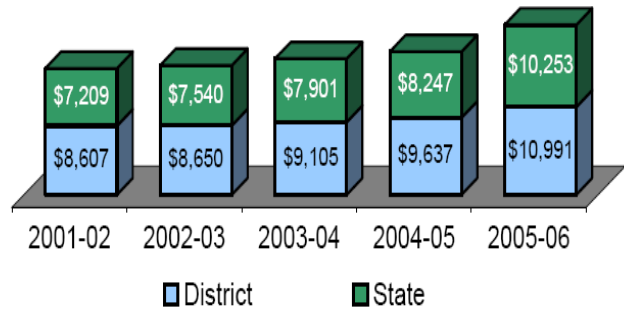


### Unemployment Rate



### Revenues Per Pupil

(Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)

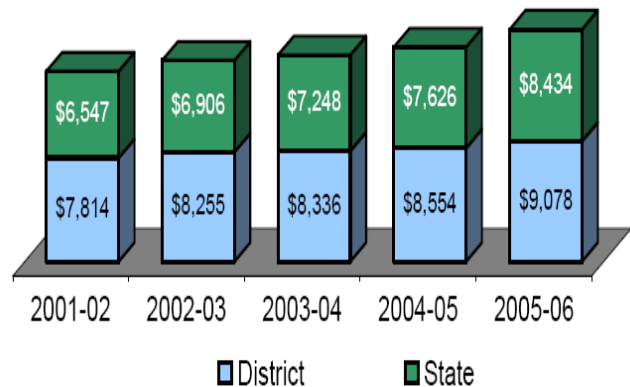


### Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$39,436	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	16.4%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	21.7%	27.8%	18.3%

### Expenditures Per Pupil

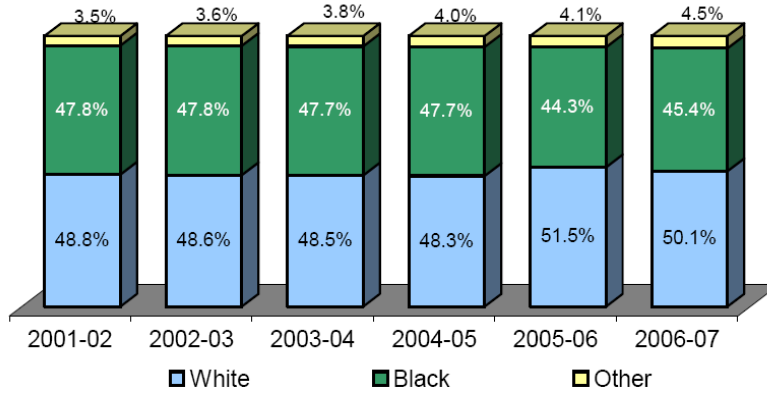
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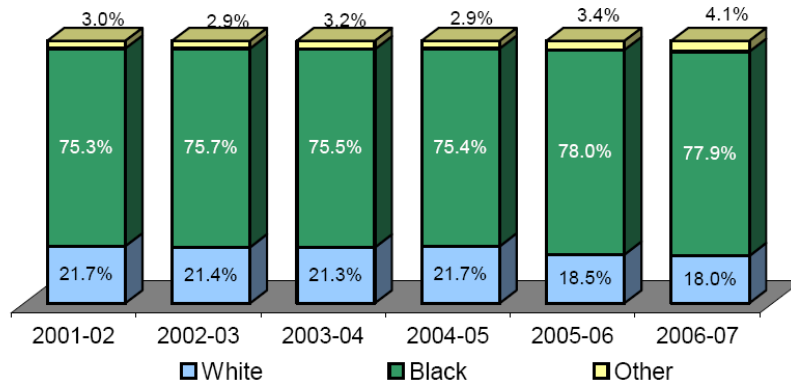
### Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	16.3%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	8.7%	16.1%	12.5%

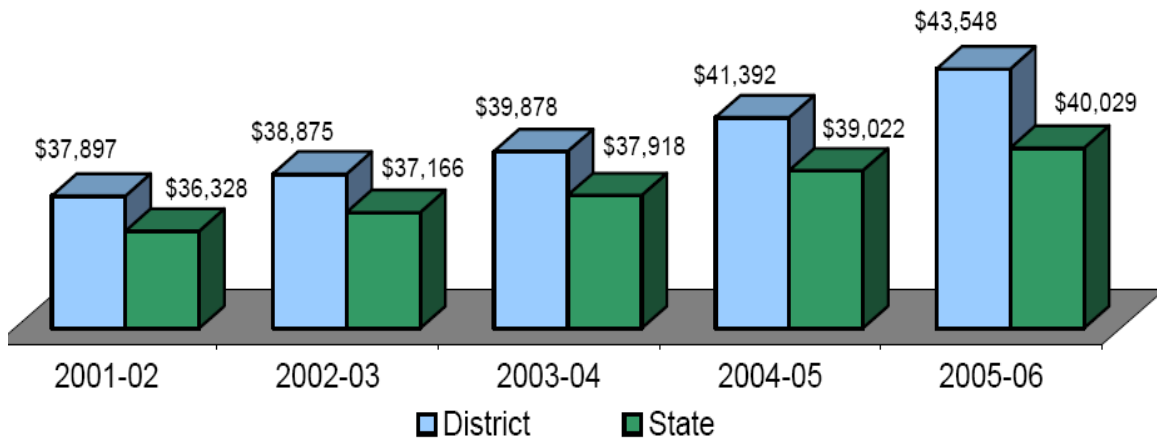
**State's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)**



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



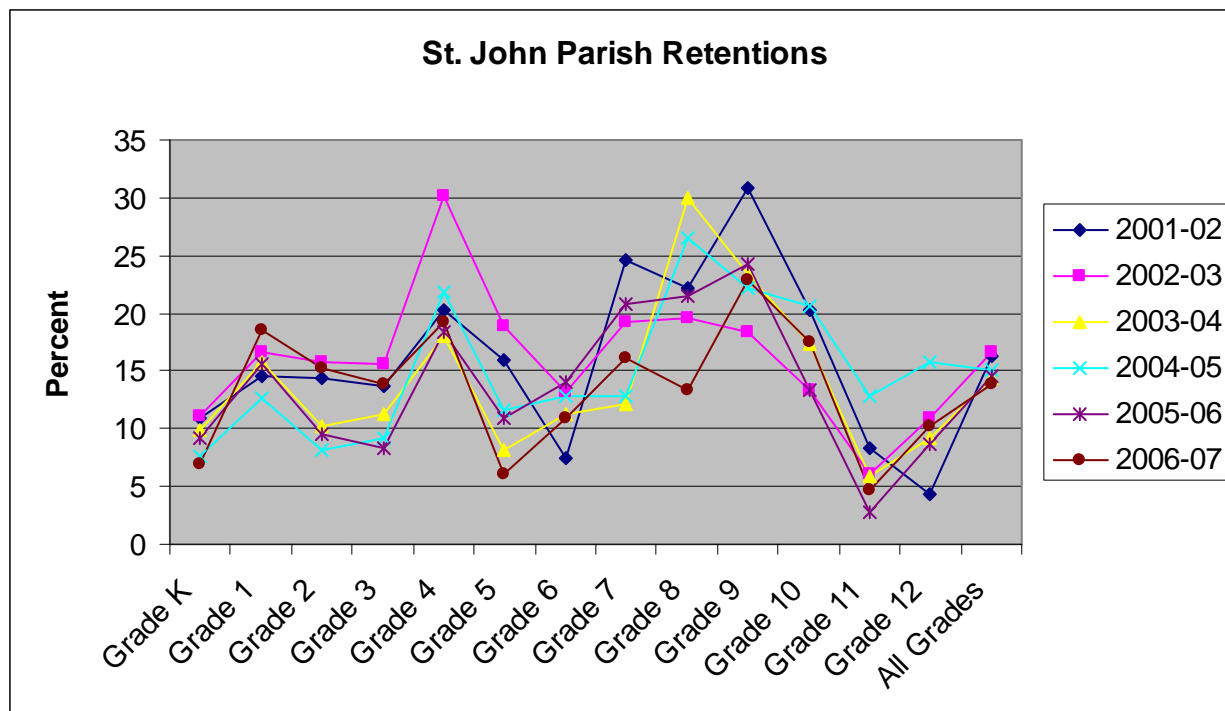
**Average Classroom Teacher Salary**



## Risk Factor: Student Retention

### St. John Parish Student Retention

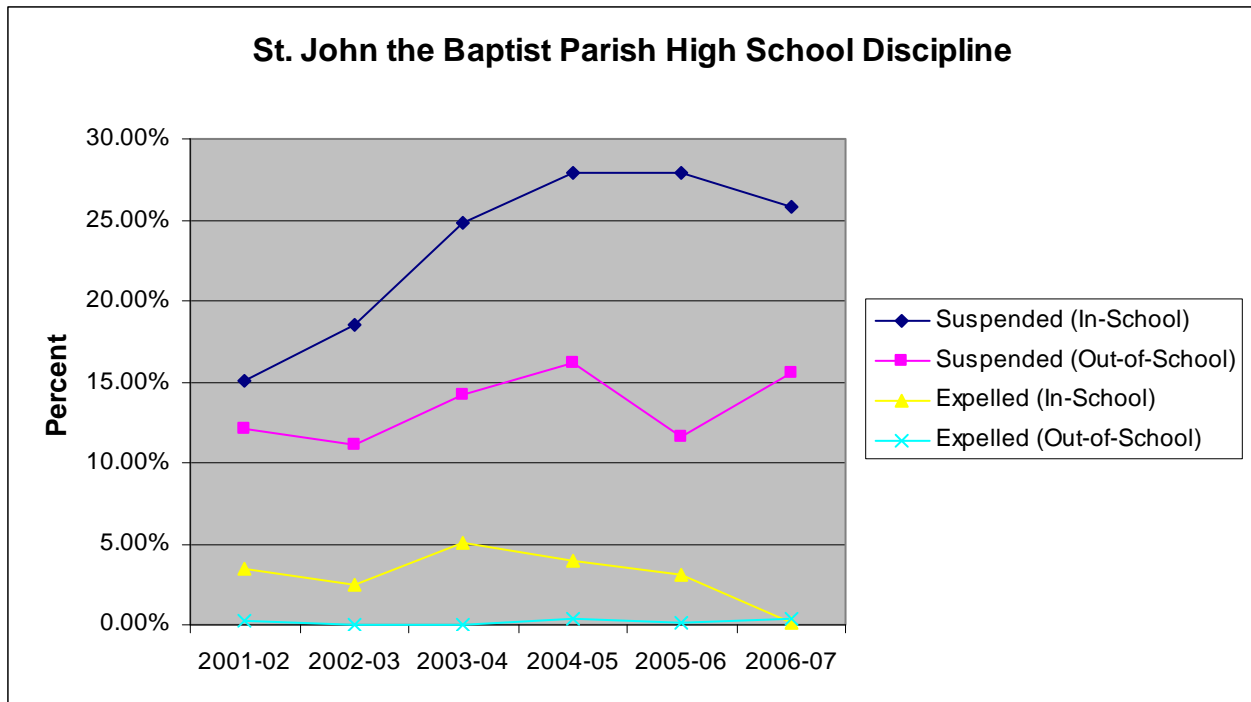
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	10.9	54	11.1	49	9.8	44	7.6	36	9.2	42	6.9	38
Grade 1	14.5	80	16.7	80	15.8	79	12.7	62	15.6	79	18.5	100
Grade 2	14.4	78	15.8	79	10.3	51	8.1	39	9.5	42	15.3	76
Grade 3	13.7	72	15.6	78	11.3	57	9.1	45	8.3	40	13.8	67
Grade 4	20.2	116	30.1	148	18.1	94	21.9	116	18.4	101	19.2	103
Grade 5	15.9	80	18.9	93	8.1	39	11.6	56	10.9	52	6.1	30
Grade 6	7.4	37	13.1	65	11.3	52	12.8	68	14.1	67	10.9	59
Grade 7	24.6	120	19.2	101	12.2	64	12.9	61	20.8	109	16.2	84
Grade 8	22.2	115	19.6	87	29.9	147	26.5	149	21.5	117	13.3	74
Grade 9	30.9	141	18.3	85	23.4	92	22.1	96	24.3	123	22.8	105
Grade 10	20.2	79	13.4	48	17.4	71	20.6	73	13.4	55	17.5	81
Grade 11	8.3	27	6	17	5.9	15	12.8	36	2.8	7	4.6	15
Grade 12	4.3	15	11	34	9.1	27	15.8	47	8.6	27	10.3	31
All	16.3	1,014	16.7	964	14.4	832	15	884	14.5	861	13.8	863



## Risk Factor: Student Discipline

### St. John Parish- High School **Discipline**

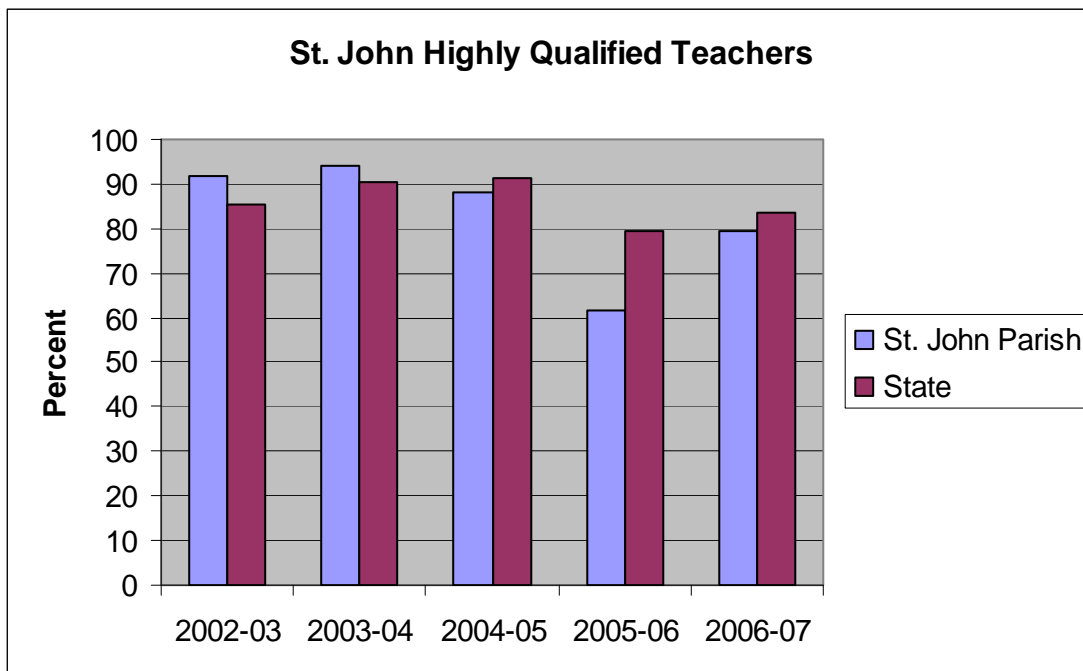
School Year	Suspension In-School		Suspension Out-of-School		Expulsion In-School		Expulsion Out-of-School	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	18.52%	315	11.17%	190	2.47%	42	0.00%	
2003-04	24.87%	426	14.24%	244	5.08%	87	0.06%	1
2004-05	27.89%	509	16.22%	296	4.00%	73	0.33%	6
2005-06	27.96%	652	11.62%	271	3.09%	72	0.17%	4
2006-07	25.79%	503	15.54%	303	0.15%	3	0.31%	6



## Teacher Quality

### Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
St. John Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	91.7	94.2	87.9	61.8	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

### St. John Parish Dropout Reasons

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	203	79.3
Academic Difficulty	3	1.2
Behavioral Difficulty	5	2.0
Dislike of School Experience	2	.8
Employment	5	2.0
Entered Criminal Justice System	1	.4
Failed Required Test	3	1.2
Language Difficulty	1	.4
Health Problems	6	2.3
Military	3	1.2
Needed at Home	1	.4
Parent/Guardian Influence	1	.4
Pregnancy	2	.8
Reason Unknown	20	7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100</b>

### St. John Dropout Truancy

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	124	48.4
Truant	132	51.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100</b>
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	5,890	36.0

### St. John Parish Dropout: Options Program Participation

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	239	93.4
Option 3 (GED Program)	17	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100</b>
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1,924	11.7

### St. John Dropout Homelessness

	St. John Counts	St. John Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	223	87.1	15,834	96.6
Hotels/Motels	0	0	8	.0
Shelters	3	1.2	28	.2
Sharing Housing with Others	30	11.7	412	2.5
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	55	.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,383</b>	<b>100</b>

## Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

### St. John Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	107	41.8
Male	149	58.2
Total	256	100

### Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

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

### St. John Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	108	42.2
Free Lunch	141	55.1
Reduced Lunch	7	2.7
Total	256	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

### St. John Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0
African American	201	78.5
Hispanic	5	2.0
Caucasian	50	19.5
Total	256	100

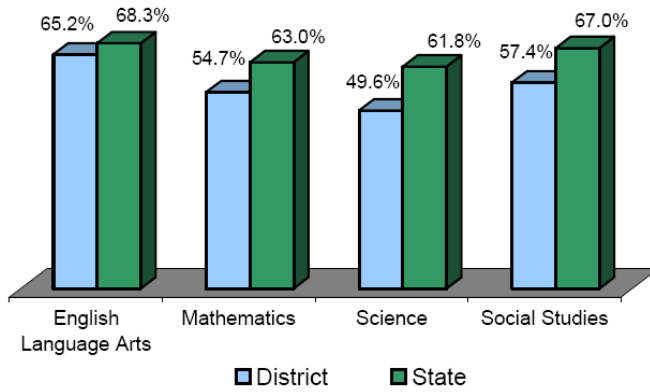
### Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	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

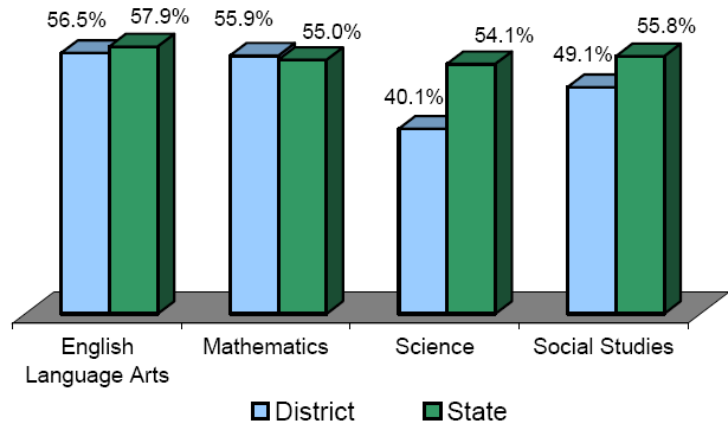
### Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above  
(2006-2007)



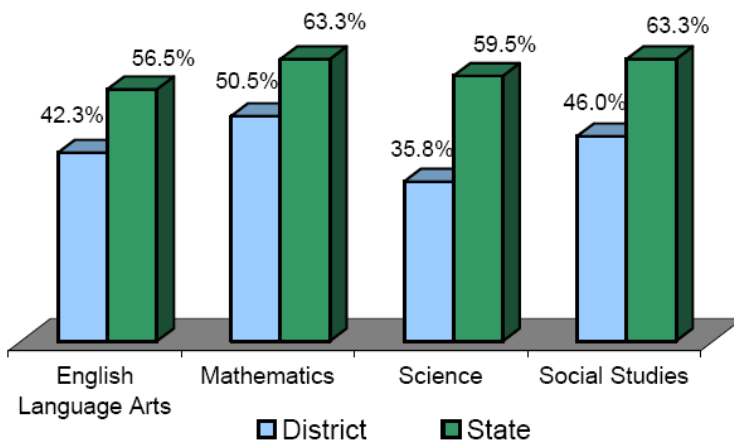
### Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

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	1.4	7	1.3	7	2.6	14	1.9	11	2.6	14	2.1	11	
Mastery*	9.4	46	13.0	69	15.4	84	14.5	82	11.0	60	11.8	61	
Basic	39.7	194	41.0	217	42.3	230	45.0	254	43.8	238	51.3	265	
Approaching Basic	32.3	158	25.3	134	22.1	120	23.7	134	23.3	127	19.1	99	
Unsatisfactory	17.2	84	19.3	102	17.6	96	14.9	84	19.3	105	15.7	81	
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced	1.0	5	2.5	13	1.8	10	1.6	9	2.8	15	1.7	9	
Mastery*	5.5	27	9.8	52	8.6	47	8.7	49	12.1	66	7.5	39	
Basic	31.5	154	43.0	228	38.5	210	41.4	234	37.9	206	45.5	235	
Approaching Basic	32.3	158	23.4	124	26.0	142	26.2	148	24.6	134	22.8	118	
Unsatisfactory	29.7	145	21.3	113	25.1	137	22.1	125	22.6	123	22.4	116	
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced	1.0	5	0.6	3	0.7	4	1.4	8	1.3	7	0.6	3	
Mastery*	4.5	22	8.7	46	8.4	46	6.0	34	6.8	37	6.6	34	
Basic	38.2	187	32.1	169	37.7	206	40.9	230	33.5	182	42.4	219	
Approaching Basic	33.5	164	39.7	209	34.2	187	39.1	220	33.8	184	32.4	167	
Unsatisfactory	22.7	111	19.0	100	18.9	103	12.5	70	24.6	134	18.0	93	
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced	0.6	3	1.3	7	0.9	5	0.9	5	0.9	5	0.8	4	
Mastery*	3.9	19	11.6	61	7.5	41	3.9	22	7.2	39	4.5	23	
Basic	38.3	187	40.2	212	38.5	210	42.4	238	42.8	232	52.1	269	
Approaching Basic	26.6	130	27.7	146	27.1	148	29.6	166	25.3	137	22.1	114	
Unsatisfactory	30.5	149	19.2	101	26.0	142	23.2	130	23.8	129	20.5	106	

## 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
<b>District</b>											
<b>English Language Arts</b>											
Advanced	2.8	11	0.0	0	0.4	2	0.4	2	1.2	6	1.0
Mastery*	13.5	54	5.5	25	5.8	30	9.9	47	7.9	41	10.4
Basic	26.8	107	29.0	133	31.3	161	37.7	179	38.5	200	45.1
Approaching Basic	39.1	156	44.3	203	44.3	228	38.5	183	39.7	206	36.3
Unsatisfactory	17.8	71	21.2	97	18.3	94	13.5	64	12.7	66	7.2
<b>Mathematics</b>											
Advanced	0.5	2	0.9	4	1.2	6	1.3	6	1.2	7	4.8
Mastery*	0.8	3	2.6	12	2.5	13	4.2	20	1.6	9	3.2
Basic	30.0	120	26.9	123	44.5	230	46.4	220	39.8	228	47.9
Approaching Basic	30.3	121	29.5	135	23.4	121	22.8	108	27.4	157	26.1
Unsatisfactory	38.5	154	40.2	184	28.4	147	25.3	120	30.0	172	18.0
<b>Science</b>											
Advanced	0.0	0	0.4	2	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.6
Mastery*	7.3	29	4.6	21	6.4	33	10.4	49	5.0	25	8.4
Basic	27.1	108	23.0	104	25.5	132	26.3	124	26.5	134	31.1
Approaching Basic	36.2	144	36.6	166	36.8	190	36.9	174	41.4	209	31.3
Unsatisfactory	29.4	117	35.3	160	31.1	161	26.1	123	26.9	136	28.7
<b>Social Studies</b>											
Advanced	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.6	3	0.8	4	0.0	0	0.4
Mastery*	4.0	16	2.4	11	5.0	26	4.7	22	2.6	13	6.0
Basic	34.4	137	29.3	133	37.1	192	37.7	178	37.6	188	42.7
Approaching Basic	28.1	112	34.8	158	32.5	168	27.8	131	35.2	176	26.9
Unsatisfactory	33.2	132	33.3	151	24.8	128	29.0	137	24.6	123	24.0

## 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	1.5	6	1.9	7	0.7	3	0.0	0	0.8	3
Mastery*		5.2	21	4.9	20	9.1	34	6.7	27	3.8	18	5.0	20
Basic		31.6	127	37.6	153	33.6	125	38.4	155	37.4	179	36.5	145
Approaching Basic		31.6	127	26.3	107	24.5	91	27.2	110	31.8	152	31.7	126
Unsatisfactory		31.6	127	29.7	121	30.9	115	27.0	109	27.0	129	25.9	103
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced		1.2	5	2.4	10	1.6	6	1.2	5	2.9	14	2.0	8
Mastery*		3.5	14	9.2	38	6.8	25	7.9	32	5.6	27	8.6	34
Basic		28.1	114	31.4	129	35.7	132	34.3	139	33.5	161	39.9	158
Approaching Basic		18.8	76	18.7	77	20.5	76	20.0	81	22.2	107	19.9	79
Unsatisfactory		48.4	196	38.2	157	35.4	131	36.5	148	35.8	172	29.5	117
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced		0.3	1	0.9	3	0.3	1	1.4	4	0.6	2	2.1	8
Mastery*		4.2	15	5.5	19	6.6	20	7.3	21	3.9	14	4.9	19
Basic		24.4	87	25.6	89	28.9	88	26.3	76	21.7	78	28.8	111
Approaching Basic		29.8	106	28.7	100	27.3	83	33.9	98	36.7	132	29.8	115
Unsatisfactory		41.3	147	39.4	137	36.8	112	31.1	90	37.2	134	34.5	133
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced		0.0	0	0.9	3	0.7	2	1.0	3	0.6	2	1.0	4
Mastery*		3.1	11	3.2	11	4.3	13	5.9	17	1.7	6	5.7	22
Basic		36.1	128	35.8	125	46.1	140	39.3	114	38.6	140	39.3	151
Approaching Basic		30.7	109	28.7	100	23.7	72	28.3	82	25.6	93	23.2	89
Unsatisfactory		30.1	107	31.5	110	25.3	77	25.5	74	33.6	122	30.7	118