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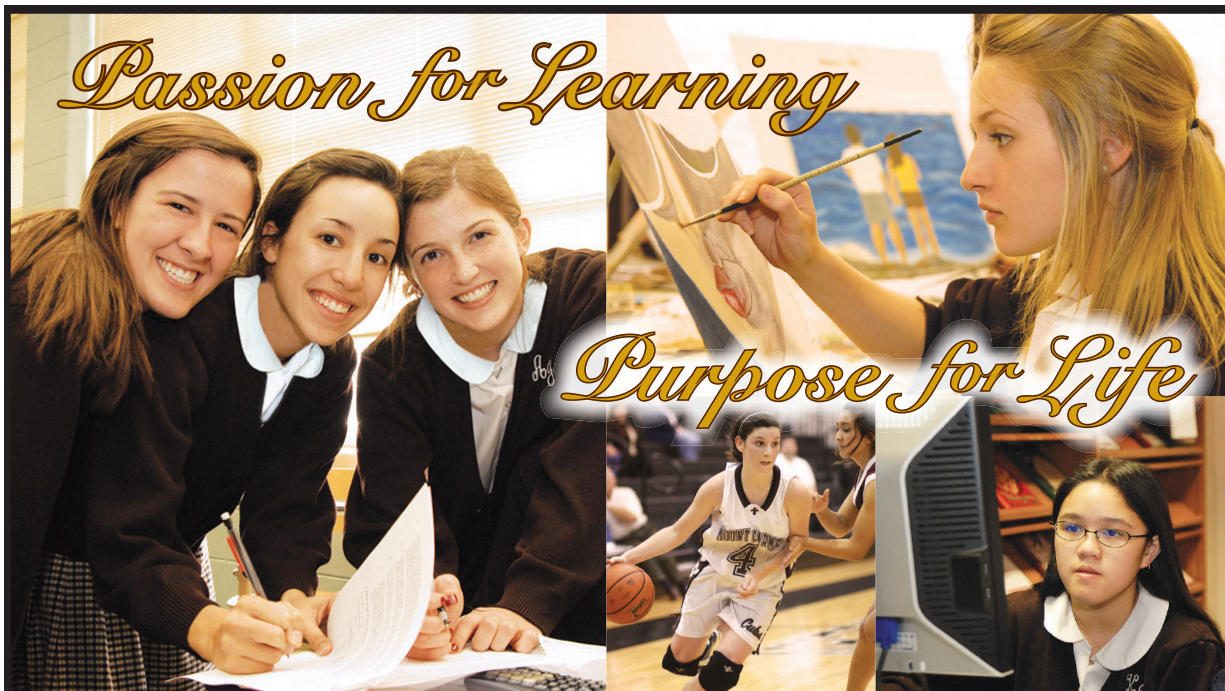
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## Introduction

# Schools shift focus off recovery issues

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AREA SCHOOLS WILL write a new chapter in their recovery during the 2008-09 academic year: Shaping the future.

Many said Hurricane Katrina opened the door for schools throughout the region to raise the bar and improve education that was notoriously sub-par compared with the rest of the country. The focus during the first two years post-K was largely about recovery, most notably facility repairs and construction and replenishing enrollment.

While those two issues remain in most parishes on some level, the focus this year turns to the future with schools putting a heavy emphasis on technology and real-world applications.

St. Bernard Parish, which only had two schools open for the 2006-07 year, ended the 2007-08 year with eight, has played a vital role in helping bring back the parish's population, largely through connecting students with community work-study and apprenticeship programs.

Area colleges and universities are even using the recovery to benefit students through service learning programs, required coursework that affords students the opportunity to put their classroom experience to work helping the recovery.

St. Tammany Parish schools have turned their attention to the environment. Through a range of energy saving techniques, energy use was lowered 14.6 percent last year. Technology also has become a cornerstone in North Shore schools with the implementation of a virtual academy.

Orleans Parish Public Schools and the Recovery School District continue to work together to repair facilities and build new structures that reflect the area's new demographics while incorporating environmentally friendly features that save energy and improve student performance.

Moving forward, and moving up from the bottom of the rankings, is vital to grow and improve the region's work force and move the recovery along. The 2008-09 school year will be the turning point toward that goal. •

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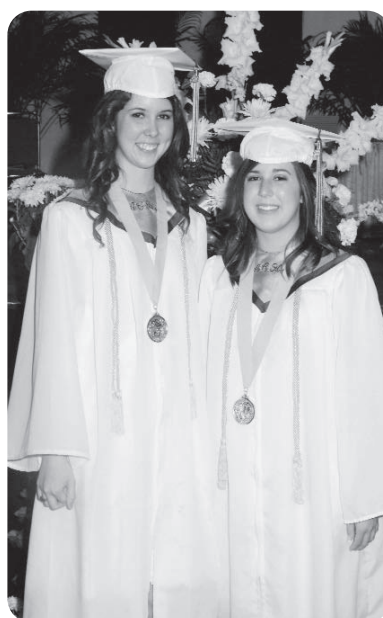
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# Archdiocese

Students, teachers making high-tech connections

Archbishop Chapelle High School sophomore Jennifer Boudreaux uses a smart board in math teacher Melissa Hebert's class.

**By Fritz Esker**  
Contributing Writer

ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOLS in the New Orleans area are looking to the future with an eye on upgrading technology.

At the forefront of the technology movement is Archbishop Chapelle High School in Metairie. During the 2007-08 school year, Chapelle instituted a program to supply laptops for all eighth-, ninth- and 10th-grade students. This year, the program will go one step further, providing

laptops for the entire student population, as well as all teachers. Almost every classroom is equipped with ceiling-mounted LCD projectors that allow teachers to project online lessons to the students.

"Technology is here to stay," Chapelle President Jane Ann Frosch said. "We have no options but to teach students how to use it responsibly."

But embracing technology can be a challenge for teachers, many of whom are used to chalkboards, not laptops.

"If we don't step up to the plate, we won't be able to engage them in the educational process," Frosch said.

One class the technology has benefited is civics, where students followed the presidential primaries online through Web sites such as [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) and [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com), using digital maps and detailed analysis of delegate counts, Frosch said.

Equipping classrooms with laptops and Internet access could create temptation for students who would rather surf

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Archbishop Chapelle High School senior Katherine Schuller writes on an interactive computer tablet, one of several technological upgrades at the school for the 2008-09 school year.

the Web than follow the lesson. However, Chapelle is using DyKnow software, which allows teachers to monitor what each student is doing on their laptop.

At St. Pius X in Lakeview, three computer labs are being created for the upcoming school year: one for the early childhood students, one for the remaining students and one for the library.

In addition to paying for technology, the Archdiocese will use a \$10 million grant to help 1,500 students in kindergarten through third grade attend Archdiocesan schools. The names of the participating schools have not been released yet, said Sarah Comiskey, Archdiocese spokeswoman.

“This is an opportunity for us to show our Christian values,” Comiskey said.

## 2007-08 by the numbers

<b>Enrollment:</b>	40,624
<b>Orleans:</b>	15,125
<b>Jefferson:</b>	16,429
<b>Washington:</b>	235
<b>St. Tammany:</b>	5,479
<b>St. John the Baptist:</b>	2,036
<b>Plaquemines:</b>	273
<b>St. Bernard:</b>	298
<b>St. Charles:</b>	648
<b>Teachers:</b>	2,698
<b>Schools open:</b>	86
<b>Schools closed:</b>	0

Source: CityBusiness staff research

While the Archdiocese announced this year it would close a number of churches, those closings have not affected enrollment.

Of the closing parishes, only three had schools attached to them — Holy Name of Mary, St. Anthony (on the West Bank) and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. While there is the possibility of mergers down the road for these schools, they will remain open for the 2008-09 school year. •



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Lafayette Academy fourth-grade teacher Catherine Stoner leads students, from left, Taylor Anderson, Lauren Deal, Tatyana Thompson and Jacobly Hampton in a reading exercise.

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# Charter schools

Enrollment climbs as population returns

## By Stephen Maloney

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CHARTER SCHOOLS IN New Orleans continued to evolve during the 2007-08 school year while the city's student population continued to grow.

Louisiana Superintendent of Education Paul Pastorek's plan to boost the Recovery School District's charter schools by selecting one school in each of the five city council districts for the Quick Start program is progressing. With a \$26 million state investment into a new school building for Andrew Wilson Elementary School in Broadmoor, the first of the five schools is scheduled to open this school year.

Wilson will also be the city's most environmentally friendly school after designers with the environmental nonprofit Global Green USA invested \$300,000 and provided the construction expertise to attain a silver certification in Leadership in Energy and

Environmental Design.

The RSD assumed leadership of the majority of the city's 40 charter schools, with 10,100 students in 26 charters falling under its command.

The Algiers Charter School Association consists of 4,700 students in nine charters, while the Orleans Parish School Board oversees five charters.

The ACSA faced the biggest leadership shakeup since Hurricane Katrina sparked an explosion of charter schools nearly three years ago when the association's seven-member board voted founding CEO Brian Riedlinger out of office in April, a move that caused a split in the young system's leadership.

Board member Glenn Orgeron called the move to oust Riedlinger unfounded and said a majority of the existing board members were acting against the wishes of ACSA principals, teachers, students and parents.

Because of regulations allowing board president Elsie Rose to appoint new board members, Orgeron said the board could

vote against the wishes of the community with immunity.

"The board is, regrettably, responsible to no one," Orgeron said. "They answer to no one, only themselves. The situation that currently exists with the board, with four members doing whatever they want, is one that could perpetuate itself."

Former board member Myles Seghers said he resigned from his position as board member in February in protest when he saw the majority forming and the board's attention shifting away from providing the best educational opportunities available for every ACSA student.

ACSA spokesman Matthew Broussard said no matter what happens between the board and Riedlinger, education will always be the focus of every ACSA employee.

"First and foremost, this is about educating kids and the rest is secondary," Broussard said. "In no way should politics ever get in the way of educating kids."

Nonprofit New Schools for New Orleans

has been working to supply the city with new teachers, school leaders and five new charter schools set to open for the 2008-09 school year.

More than 100 new teachers and principals are preparing to enter Orleans Parish Public Schools in August, bringing with them years of experience and the goal of transforming the way students learn.

"We have graduated six people from our program, in those people will be principals and assistant principals in schools across the city," New Schools Founder and President Sarah Newell Usdin said. "Some of those folks are local and some are from outside, which is kind of nice. There's this blend where you get to have both viewpoints represented to have a true diversity and it builds strength in those different schools."

The organization has played an integral part in developing six new charter schools — Aliko Academy, Miller McCoy Academy, New Orleans College Prep, Sci Academy, Sojourner Truth Academy and the Langston Hughes Lower School. •

## 2007-08 by the numbers

Charter operator	Number of charters	Enrollment
Recovery School District	26	10,100
Orleans Parish School Board	12	7,100
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	2	800
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18,000</b>

Source: CityBusiness staff research

# Colleges and universities

Recovery work offers students real-life application

**By Garry Boulard**  
Contributing Writer

THE FRIENDS OF THE Cabildo had a dilemma: They needed to make their oral history project on Hurricane Katrina more accessible. But as a private, nonprofit volunteer group, they were short on money and resources.

The solution turned up at Delgado Community College, where students of a machine transcription course stepped in to transcribe recorded interviews and stories from storm survivors.

The classroom-to-museum work may have seemed like a unique joining of forces serving the needs of two New Orleans institutions. But the collaboration actually is part of a much larger program Delgado started two years ago to link students with community projects.

"The idea is for students to place concepts that they learned in a course on campus and to then apply them in providing a service to a nonprofit organization, a government agency or the public at large," said Warren Punecky of the school's Service Learning Initiative, which became a reality with money from the Community College National Center for Community Engagement.

With architecture students designing green animal shelters, English composition students preparing a brochure promoting the state's coastline and natural resources and horticulture students participating in Habitat for Humanity beautification projects, the Service Learning Initiative is centered on getting students into the community.

"We thought that because Katrina left New Orleans in so much need, there was a sudden opportunity for our students to become involved in the community by way of contribut-

ing to the city's recovery," said Punecky, dean of Delgado's College of Business and Technology.

To date, just less than 300 students and some two dozen members of the Delgado faculty have joined with nearly 50 community partners to make the Service Learning Initiative work.

"The students are in no way required to participate in this initiative but have only done so because they wanted to," said Linda Kieffer, associate professor of psychology at Delgado. "Part of our mission has been to create life-long learners here and we really believe that through this initiative we are creating life-long people engaged in their community."

Responding to the same need, Tulane University has widened the scope of its Center for Public Service, a program that marries the lessons learned in the classroom with real-life challenges in the community.

"It was created immediately after Katrina as an important part of Tulane's renewal plan," said Vincent Ilustre, executive director of the center, adding that the university offered 32 service learning courses before the storm. As of this fall, that number has increased to 110.

Like Delgado's Service Learning Initiative, service learning courses at Tulane match instruction with community engagement.

"In an educational psychology course, a student might learn about how people retain knowledge," Ilustre said. "What better way to see that in action than by tutoring at a local school where they can observe younger kids both learning and retaining knowledge?"

Other examples include students majoring in Spanish and teaching English as a Second Language to Hispanic adults, environmental science students doing landloss measurements along the Louisiana coast and architecture stu-

dents helping devise a rebuilding plan for the Katrina-ravaged 7th Ward by documenting the housing stock there.

Unlike Delgado, service learning at Tulane is a requirement for graduation, with students having to take at least two service learning courses. But that requirement has had no negative fallout, as seen by the growing number of applicants to the school.

"It has actually become a selling point for the university," said Mike Strecker, Tulane's director of public relations. "Applications are way up, with many of the applicants mentioning the school's emphasis on service learning in their essays. They have told us that they want to be a part of the rebuilding of New Orleans and see this as the most immediate way of doing so."

And with each succeeding class, the number of Tulane students engaged in service learning only grows.

"This fall we will be sending out some 1,600 students into the community to do these services," Strecker said, adding that the number may exceed 2,400 at full implementation. •

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Delgado Community College architectural and design construction technology students Christie Badinger and Leroy Williams design Katrina cottages to help replace the city's housing stock as part of the school's Service Learning Initiative.

## 2007-08 by the numbers

<b>DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>	
Students	13,000
Faculty	332
Staff	305

<b>DILLARD UNIVERSITY</b>	
Students	1,124
Faculty	120
Staff	316

<b>OUR LADY OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE</b>	
Students	1,250
Faculty	52
Staff	35

<b>LOYOLA UNIVERSITY</b>	
Students	8,800
Faculty	384
Staff	240

<b>SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS</b>	
Students	2,634
Faculty	120
Staff	96

<b>TULANE UNIVERSITY</b>	
Students	11,070
Faculty	1,577
Staff	2,832

<b>UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS</b>	
Students	13,300
Faculty	457
Staff	785

<b>XAVIER UNIVERSITY</b>	
Students	3,100
Faculty	185
Staff	175

Source: CityBusiness staff research



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Woodlake West English as a Second Language teacher Patty Alonso works with first-grade student Najah Hamdan on a reading assignment.

## 2007-08 by the numbers

**Enrollment:** 43,000  
**Teachers:** about 3,300  
**Schools open:** 86  
**Schools closed:** 0

Source: CityBusiness staff research

# Jefferson Parish

Desegregation, magnet schools keeping officials busy

**By Leah Bartos**  
Contributing Writer

AMIDST A HIGHLY impacted magnet school program, the threat of a teacher shortage and a battle over the re-emergence of a federal desegregation order, the future of Jefferson Parish Public Schools remains ambiguous.

"It's a strange time that we live in," said Joe Potts, president of the Jefferson Federation of Teachers, an AFL-CIO affiliate. "And a lot of it is that there's not a lot of communication going on. ... Hopefully that will get better."

After months of revisions and deliberations, U.S. District Judge Kurt Engelhardt signed off on a consent order in May that will allow the Jefferson Parish Public School System to carry out its desegregation plan over the next three years. The school system has failed to achieve federal desegregation status for more than three decades, when the Dandridge family first sued the school board in 1971 for its noncompliance with the 1954 *Brown v. Board* decision.

Under the consent order, the school board is re-examining everything from student diversity, teacher composition and facilities. One of the bigger changes that will come in the 2008-09 school year mandates that students must attend schools zoned in their respective neighborhoods, and that transfer permits will be more scrutinized.

The district's magnet schools, however, are exempt from this particular plan but will submit their own plan to the federal court no later than Nov. 1. Those schools include the Metairie and Haynes academies on the East Bank; Gretna No. 2, L.W. Ruppel, and Thomas Jefferson High on the West

Bank; and Patrick Taylor Science and Technology regional school.

According to the school board's enrollment projections for the 2008-09 school year, of the 1,014 students expected to attend East Bank magnet schools, 708 are white and 80 are black. West Bank magnet schools have a projected enrollment of 729 students, 412 of whom are white and 220 black.

Jeff Nowakowski, Jefferson Parish public schools spokesman, said he sees no disparity in these numbers.

"That just reflects the community," Nowakowski said.

The overall population of Jefferson Parish is about 68 percent white and 26 percent black, according to 2006 Census data.

However, Nowakowski said the school board is working on bringing more black students into the magnet schools.

"We're going to be working on that particular subgroup to improve our numbers, and that's something that was in the desegregation order. So that's what we'll be working on this year is new programs for reading and math to bolster those numbers, so we can get more in (magnet schools) in the future," he said. "They'll have much stronger academic backgrounds so they can get into the magnet schools."

Though magnet schools have open enrollment and are publicly funded, students must meet certain criteria to qualify, including standardized test scores in the 75th percentile, a good discipline record and involvement in extracurricular activities.

"Everyone who still qualifies and we don't have room for, we put them on a waiting list," Nowakowski said. "There is a

large demand for parents to get their students into our magnet school programs."

With the popularity of the magnet schools, some are concerned the regularly zoned schools are being forgotten, though they still enroll the vast majority of public school students in Jefferson Parish. Magnet school enrollment accounts for about 6 percent of East Bank public school students and 3 percent on the West Bank.

"People are asking, 'Have we lost the mission of what the public schools are in Jefferson Parish?' It causes people to question the direction that we're going," Potts said. "They don't hear a lot about what's going on in the regular schools."

Nowakowski, however, said that because magnet school students' test scores go back to what would have been their home campus, "there's no 'brain drain.'"

Others argue test scores are only a small part of what students contribute to their classroom culture.

"You still don't have those kids on the campus as role models, kids who typically aren't your disciplinary problem, and kids whose parents tend to be more involved," Potts said.

The school board also is assessing the composition of African-American teachers and administrators in its classrooms and offices. But Nowakowski said recruiting teachers in general proves challenging these days.

"It's difficult. There's not a lot of graduates in the education field today. Everybody wants to be a computer scientist, so we don't have that many to select from," Nowakowski said. "We've gone everywhere from California to Michigan to Georgia, looking for more highly qualified African-American teachers."•



# Orleans Parish

Building repairs, new construction push school system past Katrina

**By Garry Boulard**  
Contributing Writer

STAN SMITH BELIEVES a milestone has been reached in dealing with the New Orleans Public Schools' infrastructure needs.

"We have some very old buildings, some are beautiful and more than a century old," said Smith, chief financial officer of the Orleans Parish School Board. "Where possible, we obviously want to save that history and preserve it. But at the same time, we have to make certain that we are not putting money into buildings that no longer serve out purpose."

Recovery School District Superintendent Paul Vallas agrees.

"The facilities master plan will recommend the opening of some new schools and the replacement of others that have become obsolete," Vallas said. "But the plan will also include the closing and demolition of a number of schools that in effect are not going to be replaced. From a business standpoint, you want a district to do this. The building stock before Katrina was over capacity in terms of excess space. The hurricane and loss of population only exacerbated that problem."

Smith said there are 80 operating schools between the RSD and the New Orleans Public Schools, which is governed by the Orleans Parish School Board. That number is down from the more than 120 schools pre-Katrina but up from just two years ago, when 58 were in operation.

The facilities master plan will not only recommend the construction of a handful of new schools but demolition of schools that sustained substantial damage from Katrina and are no longer of use.

The plan will also recognize certain demographic realities.

"We've had enough buildings for a school district with a student enrollment of more than 100,000," Vallas said. "Yet before the storm we were already down to 67,000."

According to the most recent RSD estimates, enrollment for the 2008-09 year for all schools in New Orleans might top the 35,000 mark.

The building up and tearing down of dozens of structures represents the kind of changes that have been taking place throughout the two systems since Katrina.

In the past year, the RSD has implemented its Response to Intervention model, a three-tiered system designed to address the educational needs of every student; inaugurated a series of alternative and transitional schools for academically challenged students; and, this spring, recorded improvements on the Louisiana Graduate Exit Exam as well as the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program exams, while also seeing graduation rates jump by more than 30 percent to 67 percent this year.

"It is hard to say how much of this good news is due to the successful implementation of our program and the fact that we got the schools opened on time or that we modernized classrooms, keeping class size small and bringing order to the schools," Vallas said. "I think it's a combination of all these things."

Vallas also dismisses concerns that new vouchers to help students attend private schools would hurt student totals at RSD and New Orleans Public Schools.

"Vouchers represent no threat to our district. If our schools work, the students are going to stay here. The goal must be making the schools work."

A sign that things are moving in that direction, Smith said, are the LEAP scores.

"They were up pretty much across the board for all of the districts as well as the charter schools," he said. "When we consider all of the challenges after the storm and what the children went through, that fact that we have an environment now for them to obtain an education and that improvements are taking place for the first time in a long time, has to be seen as very good news indeed."•

## 2007-08 by the numbers

Enrollment:	33,000
Teachers:	2,100
Schools open:	72
Schools closed:	80

Source: CityBusiness staff research



Recovery School District Superintendent Paul Vallas discusses construction and repair plans at a July 17 groundbreaking for Andrew H. Wilson Elementary School.

PHOTO BY TRACIE MORRIS SCHAEFER

# St. Bernard Parish

Teachers prepare for influx of students as population rebounds

**By Leah Bartos**  
Contributing Writer

In facing the post-Katrina conundrum of whether to rebuild in accordance to repopulation patterns or to rebuild to stimulate repopulation, Doris Voitier, superintendent of the St. Bernard Public Schools, wasn't about to wait.

Just 11 weeks after the storm, in a parish declared 100 percent flood damaged, Voitier and her team opened the temporary St. Bernard Unified School, comprised of students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Voitier believes the school's resilience has a great influence on bringing back St. Bernard residents.

"The survival of any community, in large part, is due to the school system," Voitier said. "They need a quality place for their children to attend and that's such a big part of their decision to come back."

As population and enrollment increase, St. Bernard will have eight of its original 14 schools open for the 2008-09 school year, which includes one high school, two middle, four elementary and one alternative, which enrolls

## 2007-08 by the numbers

<b>Enrollment:</b>	4,300
<b>Teachers:</b>	420
<b>Schools open:</b>	8
<b>Schools closed:</b>	6

Source: CityBusiness staff research



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From left: Andrew Jackson Elementary School teachers Juanita Peralta, JoAnn Rosselli and Dorothy Sprunk review language arts products in preparation for the 2008-09 school year.

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From left: Andrew Jackson Elementary School teachers Cristy Doty, Melissa Scheuermann, Nancy FitzSimons, Bambi Steele and Sandra Vincellette sprt through teaching aids for the upcoming school year.

middle and high school students.

“We have been furiously in this rebuilding mode since that time. And as we are opening these schools, our schools are filled,” Voitier said.

In addition to encouraging families to return, the public schools also play a role in ensuring the parish’s future population, as they make an effort to connect their graduates with the local work force.

Susan Theaux, a teacher at C.F. Rawley Alternative School, works primarily with at-risk students. Theaux, who

taught for 30 years at Chalmette High, said the key to keeping students in school is connecting them with “real life” experiences, which Rawley does through work-study and apprenticeship programs.

“Sometimes, they get lost from the high school to the work community,” Theaux said. “(The programs are) an avenue to help them transition from high school to work and to keep them in the community because we need our students in the community to help rebuild, to establish new businesses and to encourage people to continue to come back.”

Theaux hopes more local businesses will find value in such relationships.

“What they provide to us is not just a financial relationship, but it’s also an emotional, a social, a mentoring to our students, and I think that’s vital if we’re going to have students connect to the real world and what’s expected of them once they graduate,” Theaux said.

The parish’s traditional high school, Chalmette High, also is working to curb drop-out rates, particularly with its planned Ninth Grade Academy expansion, which will be a separate three-story building connected to the main campus by a skywalk and is scheduled open in fall of 2009.

“We hope to concentrate the curriculum around them with smaller size classes and teachers that get to know them extremely well, because if students drop out of school, that’s usually the year that it occurs,” Voitier said.

Before the storm, St. Bernard had 2,300 high school students, divided among three campuses. But even if the parish gets back to its pre-storm population, Voitier said Chalmette High will be able to accommodate all of the students, which she believes lends itself to a more diverse student body and unique learning experience.

“I think that enhances a person’s education from a cultural and worldwide perspective. And as long those offerings are available within that school setting, offerings that will meet the needs of all the children, I think that’s a wonderful environment to be in,” Voitier said.

Theaux also pointed to new challenges in teaching post-Katrina.

“As a teacher, we have even a stronger role in students’ lives to encourage them that things will getting back to normal. It’s going to be a slow process, but it is moving forward.”•

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Mandeville High School Principal Bruce Bundy reviews plans for the school's 2008-09 Advanced Placement coursework.

# St. Tammany Parish

Advanced Placement work, energy conservation top 2008-09 agenda

**By Fritz Esker**  
 Contributing Writer

ENERGY CONSERVATION, Advanced Placement coursework and a virtual academy are just a few of the changes within the St. Tammany Parish Public Schools System students and teachers will encounter in the 2008-09 year.

In December 2006, St. Tammany schools began working on a plan to reduce energy use by 10 percent. In its first year, 2007-08, energy use dropped 14.6 percent.

How did they do it? Through a number of small measures, said John Swang, St. Tammany Parish School Board supervisor of administration.

The school board distributed tip sheets

to the schools reminding employees to turn off all the lights when leaving a room, while air conditioners were set between 72 degrees and 76 degrees when schools were occupied and 80 degree when they were not in use. For the winter, the thermostat was set between 68 degrees and 72 degrees when facilities were in use and 55 degrees when they were empty.

Swang said the focus in 2007-08 was on getting administrators and maintenance staff on board with the program. This year, the focus will be on increasing student and teacher involvement, as Swang hopes to top last year's 14.6 percent reduction.

"Learning how to better manage our energy is a skill our children need to learn. We want all of us to be better stewards of the

## 2007-08 by the numbers

<b>Enrollment:</b>	35,523
<b>Teachers:</b>	2,718
<b>Schools open:</b>	52
<b>Schools closed:</b>	0

Source: CityBusiness staff research

environment," Swang said.

Programs within individual St. Tammany schools also are garnering recognition, such as Mandeville High School's Siemens Foundation award for its Advanced Placement programs. Principal Bruce Bundy said the award was based on a number of factors, including the number of students taking AP tests, AP test scores and the number of AP classes offered.

"It takes a lot of hard work to teach an AP class in a standard amount of class time," Bundy said, crediting teachers and students for covering more material.

The award came with a \$1,000 grant for Mandeville High that Bundy said will likely be used to send teachers to AP workshops for additional training.

While colleges nationwide offer online classes, the trend has not really crossed over to high schools in Louisiana. St. Tammany looks to change that with its A3 virtual academy.

Cheryl Arabie, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, said enrollment will be handled through individual schools and courses will be set up through Blackboard, an Internet-based system that hosts classes and allows teachers and students to communicate.

Arabie said the target population for the virtual academy varies. Some students will need just one more credit to graduate on time. It will also be a huge relief for students who are homebound because of injury or illness.

The academy will also be used to offer electives to busy students.

For example, if a student is heavily involved in extracurricular activities, he might not have time in his regular schedule to take electives. The virtual academy will allow students to take electives on their own time.

"You still want them to have the experiences and help them make decisions about what path to take after high school," Arabie said.

Repairs continue at two of the system's schools most affected by Katrina — Brock Elementary and Salmen High School — with work near completion.

Linda Roan, school board spokeswoman, said construction is expected to be completed this fall at Brock. Salmen High School just accepted a bid for its reconstruction project, which will take about two years to complete. •

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## Two-year Louisiana colleges and universities

(ranked by total enrollment in spring 2007)

Name Address	Total enrollment spring 2007 semester	Top administrator Title E-mail Internet address	Percent of applicants admitted Percent of students receiving financial aid	Year founded	In-state tuition	Academic specialties
<b>Delgado Community College</b> 615 City Park Ave. New Orleans 70119	13,260	Dr. Ron Wright chancellor enroll@ddc.edu www.dcc.edu	100 percent 87 percent	1921	12+ credit hours = \$2,258 + fees	allied health, nursing, technology, business, maritime, culinary, English as a Second Language, GED preparation
<b>University of Phoenix, Louisiana Campus</b> 1 Galleria Blvd., Suite 725 Metairie 70001	4,500	Brent S. Lyons campus director brent.lyons@phoenix.edu www.phoenix.edu/louisiana	WND WND	1995	WND	business management, administration, criminal justice, information technology, nursing, education, accounting, health sciences, communication, psychology, human resource management
<b>Louisiana State University at Eunice</b> P.O. Box 1129 Eunice 70535	2,586	William J. Nunez chancellor myoung@lsue.edu www.lsue.edu	95 percent 75 percent	1967	\$2,215/year	business and technology, fire and emergency services, early childhood education, nursing and allied health, paralegal, science
<b>Louisiana Delta Community College</b> 4014 LaSalle St. Monroe 71203	1,301	Luke P. Robins chancellor WND www.ladelta.cc.la.us	74 percent 30 percent	2001	\$999/semester	associates degrees in liberal arts, general science, applied science business technology, childhood development, high school bridge program
<b>Nunez Community College</b> 3710 Paris Road Chalmette 70443	1,243	Thomas Warner chancellor twarner@nunez.edu www.nunez.edu	100 percent 84 percent	1992	\$895 per semester	practical nursing, early childhood education, culinary, industrial technology, process technology (Ptec)
<b>River Parishes Community College</b> P.O. Box 310 Sorrento 70778	1,034	Joe Ben Welch chancellor jwelch@rpcc.edu www.rpcc.edu	98 percent 60 percent	1997	\$782	general science, teacher education, liberal arts
<b>Concordia University Wisconsin-New Orleans Center</b> 3838 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 3050 Metairie 70002	184	Charlene Mora director charlene.mora@cuw.edu www.cuw.edu/neworleans	WND WND	1881	\$330 per academic credit	business management, criminal justice management, human resource management, liberal arts, MBA

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# Private Elementary Schools

(ranked by annual tuition)

School Address	Phone Fax	Average tuition Fees	Enrollment grades Pre-K to 8 Faculty grades Pre-K to 8	Grades taught	Average class size	Affiliation Student mix	Year founded	Top administrator Title
<b>St. George's Episcopal School</b> 923 Napoleon Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-5509 895-1225	\$14,700 varies	300 60	nursery through 8	12	Episcopal coed	1969	Rob Eichberger headmaster
<b>Isidore Newman School</b> 1903 Jefferson Ave. New Orleans 70115	899-5641 896-8597	\$14,502 varies	616 84	Pre-K through 12	18	nondenominational coed	1903	T.J.Locke head of school
<b>Metairie Park Country Day School</b> 300 Park Road Metairie 70005	837-5204 837-0015	\$14,275 varies	415 52	K through 12 (2007-2008) Pre-K through 12 (As of 8/2008)	WND	nondenominational coed	1929	Carolyn Chandler head of school
<b>Trinity Episcopal School</b> 1315 Jackson Ave. New Orleans 70130	525-8661 523-4837	\$14,110 \$750	335 60	Pre-K through 8	16	Episcopal coed	1960	The Reverend Dr. Michael C. Kuhn headmaster
<b>St. Martin's Episcopal School</b> 5309 Airline Drive Metairie 70003	736-9917 736-8802	\$13,800 middle school fees \$700	401 53	18 months through 12	16	Episcopal coed	1947	Dr. Jeffrey P. Beedy headmaster
<b>Louise S. McGehee School</b> 2343 Prytania St. New Orleans 70130	561-1224 525-7910	\$13,040 \$585-\$910	300 50	Pre-K through 12	34	nondenominational all girls	1912	Eileen F. Powers headmistress
<b>Academy of the Sacred Heart</b> 4521 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-1943 891-9939	\$10,600 \$435 student fee, parents club dues, and the technology fee	467 62	Pre-K through 12 with an early learning program for toddler and nursery students	16	Catholic all girls	1887	Dr. Timothy Burns headmaster
<b>St. Paul's Episcopal School</b> 6249 Canal Blvd. New Orleans 70124	488-1319 304-8315	\$10,500 \$1,450	138 19	Pre-K 3 through 8	12	Episcopal and Independent coed	1961	Merry Sorrells head of school
<b>The Hill School, providing Waldorf Education</b> 517 Soraparu Suite 101 New Orleans 70130	891-8686 525-3223	\$7,800 \$585 + enrollment deposit	WND 7	Pre-K through 5	11	nondenominational coed	2000	WND WND
<b>Ecole Bilingue</b> 938 Calhoun St. New Orleans 70118	896-4500 896-9610	\$7,500 \$1,000	100 7	Pre-K through 4	16	French Department of Education coed	1998	Cissy Rowley director
<b>Stuart Hall School for Boys</b> 2032 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	861-1954 861-5389	\$7,459 varies	320 35	nursery through 7	18	Catholic, ISAS all boys	1984	Mr. Kevin Avin headmaster
<b>St. Andrew's Episcopal School</b> 8012 Oak St. New Orleans 70118	861-3743 861-3973	\$7,300 \$250-\$575	146 27	Pre-K through 8	16	Episcopal coed	1957	Merrill S. Hall head of school
<b>Ursuline Academy Elementary School</b> 2635 State St. New Orleans 70118	861-9150 861-9159	\$6,600 varies	392 35	toddler-2 through 12	WND	Catholic all female	1727	Gretchen Kane president
<b>Kehoe-France</b> 720 Elise Ave. Metairie 70003	733-0472 733-0477	\$6,350 books/activities \$500-\$1,000	675 65	2 year old program through 8	22	nondenominational 50/50	1949	Kyle M. France president
<b>Arden Cahill Academy</b> 3101 Wall Blvd. Gretna 70056	392-0902 392-3813	\$5,800 \$450	550 45	nursery through 8	16	none non discriminatory	1968	Arden Cahill headmistress
<b>Northlake Christian School</b> 70104 Wolverine Drive Covington 70433	(985) 635-0400 (985) 893-4363	\$5,755 \$610	510 70	Pre-K through 12	20	nondenominational coed	1978	L. Joe Shorter head of schools
<b>Holy Cross School</b> 5500 Paris Ave. New Orleans 70122	942-3100 286-5665	\$5,645 varies	427 42	5 through 12	25	Catholic all male	1849	Charles DiGange headmaster
<b>Christian Brothers School</b> 8 Friederichs Ave. New Orleans 70124	486-6770 486-1053	\$5,500 \$375	285 18	5 through 7	28	Catholic all male	1960	Joey M. Scaffidi principal
<b>Holy Name of Jesus School</b> 6325 Cromwell Place New Orleans 70118	861-1466 861-1480	\$5,290 \$465	510 43	Pre-K(4) through 7th	20	Catholic coed	1891	Courtney Wolbrette principal
<b>New Orleans Jewish Day School</b> 3747 W. Esplanade Ave. Metairie 70002	887-4091 780-5691	\$4,950 all inclusive	34 7	Pre-K through 5th	58	Jewish coed	1995	Gwynne Bowman head of school
<b>Ridgewood Preparatory School</b> 201 Pasadena Ave. Metairie 70001	835-2545 837-1864	\$4,800 \$300 registration fee, \$400 general fee	175 12	Pre-K through 12	15	nondenominational coed	1948	M.J. Montgomery Jr. headmaster
<b>Torah Academy</b> 2505 Maine Ave. Metairie 70003	456-6429 888-7558	\$4,500 \$375	24 6	Pre-K through 8	5	Othodox Jewish WND	1993	Thomas E. Becker general studies principal
<b>Ecole Classique</b> 5236 Glendale St. Metairie 70006	887-3507 887-8140	\$4,400 \$150 registration fee per child; \$100 technology fee per family and PTA fees \$25 per family	209 27	Pre-school through 12th grade	18	nondenominational coed	1956	Sal J. Federico headmaster
<b>Life of Christ Christian Academy</b> 1851 N. Dorgenois St. New Orleans 70119	945-5778 945-5778	\$4,000 500	25 2	Pre-K through 12	10	nondenominational coed/predominately black	1997	Cheryl Leufroy Frilot principal and president

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# Private Elementary Schools

(ranked by annual tuition)

School Address	Phone Fax	Average tuition Fees	Enrollment grades Pre-K to 8 Faculty grades Pre-K to 8	Grades taught	Average class size	Affiliation Student mix	Year founded	Top administrator Title
<b>St. John Lutheran School</b> 3937 Canal Street New Orleans 70119	488-6641 482-2101	\$4,000 \$275	22 4	Pre-K through 2	7	Lutheran Church Missouri Synod coed	1854	Bethany Gonski principal
<b>Atonement Lutheran School</b> 6500 Riverside Drive Metairie 70003	887-0225 887-0225	\$3,900 WND	250 35	Pre-K 3 through 8	27	Lutheran coed	1960	Douglas Molin principal
<b>John Curtis Christian School</b> 10931 Jefferson Highway River Ridge 70123	737-0208 739-2344	\$3,800 \$200 registration fee before April 15 and \$300 registration fee after April 15; \$100 activity fee	328 19	Pre-K through 6	24	nondenominational coed	1962	J.T. Curtis, Debbie Eutsler, Sue Curtis acting headmaster, principal, vice principal
<b>St. Edward the Confessor School</b> 4901 W. Metairie Ave. Metairie 70001	888-6353 456-0960	\$3,700 \$465	570 25	Pre-K 3 through 8	28	Catholic coed	1965	Sister Mary de Lourdes principal
<b>Our Lady of Divine Providence School</b> 617 N. Atlanta St. Metairie 70003	466-0591 466-0671	\$3,600 \$165 registration fee for first child, \$150 registration fee for each other child	424 28	Pre-K 3 through 8	24	catholic coed	1967	Elvina DiBartolo principal
<b>St. Angela Merici</b> 835 Melody Drive Metairie 70002	835-8491 835-4463	\$3,550 \$165 in parish or \$300 out of parish	460 32	Pre-K 3 through 7	25	Catholic coed	1965	Colleen Remont principal
<b>Christ the King Parish School</b> 2106 Deerfield Road Terrytown 70056	367-3601 367-3679	\$3,500 \$150 registration fee	360 30	Pre-K 3 through 8	25	Catholic coed	1963	Cindy Ruel principal
<b>Believer's Life Christian Academy</b> 501 Lapalco Blvd. Gretna 70056	348-4685 340-6611	\$3,450 WND	240 14	K4-8	24	Believer's Life Family Church coed	1988	Newlie Long principal
<b>St. Paul Lutheran School</b> 2624 Burgundy St. New Orleans 70117	947-1773 945-3743	\$3,400 \$350	185 11	Pre-K through 8	18	Lutheran multi-cultural	1840	Chuck Schiller administrator
<b>St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School</b> 6421 W. Metairie Ave. Metairie 70003	733-1433 736-0727	\$3,400 \$165	545 45	Pre-K through 8	26	catholic coed	1954	Bonnie Gaspard principal
<b>St. Stephen's Central Catholic School</b> 1027 Napoleon Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-1927 891-1928	\$3,400 \$165	270 22	Pre-K 3 through 8	23	Catholic coed	1852	Peggy LeBlanc principal
<b>St. Christopher Elementary School</b> 3900 Derbigny St. Metairie 70001	837-6871 834-0522	\$3,300 \$165 registration fee	855 70	Pre-K 3 through 8	28	Catholic coed	1949	Ruth Meche principal
<b>Cathedral Academy</b> 820 Dauphine St. New Orleans 70116	525-3860 525-3193	\$3,300 \$150 registration fee; \$15 paper fee	163 17	Pre-K 4 through 7	17	Catholic coed	1915	Sister Bernadette principal
<b>Faith Lutheran</b> 300 Colonial Club Drive Harahan 70123	737-9554 737-9599	\$3,275 application fee \$150 per child	81 9	Pre-K 3 through 8	9	Lutheran coed	1958	Diane Oestriecher principal
<b>St. Cletus School</b> 3610 Claire Ave. Gretna 70053	366-3538 366-0011	\$3,220 \$140 registration and \$300 church support	540 27	Pre-K 4 through 8	30	Catholic coed	1978	Paul Gauthe principal
<b>St. Andrew the Apostle</b> 3131 Eton St. New Orleans 70131	394-4171 391-3627	\$3,185 \$150 registration fee	770 60	Pre-K through 8	28	Catholic coed	1953	Sybil Skansi principal
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help School</b> 531 William Blvd. Kenner 70062	464-0531 464-0725	\$3,050 \$165 registration fee	220 16	Pre-K 3 through 8	22	Catholic coed	1928	Sister Julie Glaeser principal
<b>St. Joan of Arc Catholic School-N.O.</b> 919 Cambronne St. New Orleans 70118	861-2887 866-9588	\$3,000 \$300	283 18	Pre-K 4 through 8	23	Catholic African American	1893	Dionne Frost principal
<b>Calvary Baptist School</b> 2401 General DeGaulle Drive New Orleans 70114	367-6465 367-6632	\$3,000 \$645	140 12	Pre-K 3 through 8	21	Baptist coed	1984	Bernice Davis principal
<b>Our Lady of Prompt Succor</b> 2305 Fenelon St. Chalmette 70043	271-2953 271-1490	\$2,950 \$165	401 25	Pre-K through 8	25	Catholic coed	1952	Sharon B. Coll principal
<b>St. Rita School</b> 65 Fontainebleau Drive New Orleans 70125	866-1777 861-8512	\$2,850 \$165 registration fee	260 18	Pre-K through 8	28	Catholic 98 percent African American	1924	Sister Annette Baxley principal

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# Private Secondary Schools

(ranked by annual tuition)

School Address	Phone Fax	Tuition Fees	Enrollment grades 8-12 Faculty grades 8-12	Grades taught	Average class size	Affiliation Student mix	Percent applicants admitted Percent attending college	Year founded	Top administrator Title
<b>Isidore Newman School</b> 1903 Jefferson Ave. New Orleans 70115	899-5641 896-8597	\$16,431 varies	411 70	Pre-K through 12	18	nondenominational coed	53 percent 100 percent	1903	Thomas Locke head of school
<b>St. Martin's Episcopal</b> 5309 Airline Drive Metairie 70003	733-0353 736-8801	\$16,100 varies	285 43	Pre-K through 12	17	Episcopal coed	64 percent 100 percent	1947	Dr. Jeffrey Pratt Beedy headmaster
<b>Metairie Park Country Day School</b> 300 Park Road Metairie 70005	837-5204 837-0015	\$15,615 varies	204 38	2007-2008: K through 12; 2008-2009: Pre-K through 12	WND	nondenominational coed	WND 100 percent	1929	Carolyn Chandler head of school
<b>Louise S. McGehee School</b> 2343 Prytania St. New Orleans 70130	561-1224 525-7910	\$15,100 varies	160 48	Pre-K through 12	16	nondenominational 18 percent	73 percent 100 percent	1912	Eileen F. Powers headmistress
<b>Academy of the Sacred Heart</b> 4521 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-1943 891-9939	\$12,650 varies	281 44	nursery through 12th grade	16	Catholic all girls	72 percent 100 percent	1887	Timothy M. Burns headmaster
<b>Brother Martin High School</b> 4401 Elysians Fields Ave. New Orleans 70122	283-1561 286-8462	\$6,640 \$350 registration	1,210 97	8th-12th	25	Catholic all boys	73 percent 99 percent	1869	John Devlin president
<b>Ursuline Academy High School</b> 2635 State St. New Orleans 70118	861-9150 861-7392	\$6,600 varies	421 40	Toddler-2 through 12th Grade	18	Catholic all girls	WND 100 percent	1727	Gretchen Kane president
<b>Cabrini High School</b> 1400 Moss St. New Orleans 70117	482-1193 483-8671	\$6,500 \$525	505 41	8 - 12	21	Catholic all girls	70 percent 99 percent	1959	Ardley R. Hanemann Jr. president
<b>Jesuit High School</b> 4133 Banks St. New Orleans 70119	486-6631 483-3942	\$6,450 none	1,350 110	8-12	23	Catholic all boys	90 percent 100 percent	1847	Rev. Anthony McGinn, S.J. president
<b>De La Salle</b> 5300 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115	895-5717 895-1300	\$6,395 varies	500 500	8 through 12	24	Catholic coed	66 percent 95 percent	1949	Kenneth F. Tedesco president
<b>Holy Cross School</b> 5500 Paris Ave. New Orleans 70122	942-3100 286-5665	\$6,190 varies	427 42	5 through 12	25	Catholic all male	72 percent 99 percent	1849	Charles DiGange headmaster
<b>Northlake Christian School</b> 70104 Wolverine Drive Covington 70433	(985) 635-0400 (985) 893-2632	\$6,170 \$655	350 36	pre-K through 12	12	nondenominational coed	35 percent 100 percent	1978	L. Joe Shorter head of schools
<b>St. Scholastica Academy</b> 122 South Massachusetts St. Covington 70433	(985) 892-2540 (985) 893-5256	\$6,050 \$400 - registration fee	785 61	8 through 12	22	Archdiocese of New Orleans all girls	95 percent 100 percent	1903	Marguerite S. Celestin president
<b>St. Paul's School</b> 917 S. Jahncke Ave. Covington 70434	(985) 892-3200 (985) 892-4048	\$5,850 \$300 registration, building renovation \$150	835 75	8 through 12	24	Catholic all boys	WND 100 percent	1911	Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC principal
<b>Archbishop Shaw High School</b> 1000 Barataria Blvd. Marrero 70072	340-6727 347-9883	\$5,780 Registration - \$300, CIF - \$300, Tech Fee - \$250	650 42	8 through 12	25	Catholic all boys	90 percent 85 percent	1962	Fr. James McKenna, SDB director and president
<b>Archbishop Rummel High School</b> 1901 Severn Ave. Metairie 70001	834-5592 832-4016	\$5,670 \$930	1,200 80	8 through 12	24	Catholic all boys	95 percent 98 percent	1962	Michael Begg president
<b>Lutheran High</b> 3864 17th St. Metairie 70002	455-4062 455-4453	\$5,400 \$550	100 14	9 through 12	15	Lutheran coed	95 percent 95 percent	1970	Calvin Behrens principal and executive director
<b>Mount Carmel Academy</b> 7027 Milne Blvd. New Orleans 70124-2395	288-7626 288-7629	\$5,400 varies	1,170 108	8 through 12	17	Catholic all girls	WND 100 percent	1896	Sister Camille Anne Campbell, O.Carm. president and principal
<b>St. Mary's Dominican High School</b> 7701 Walmsey Ave. New Orleans 70125	865-9401 866-5958	\$5,330 varies	946 69	8 through 12	25	Catholic all female	WND 100 percent	1860	Ms. Cynthia A. Thomas president
<b>Archbishop Chapelle High School</b> 8800 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Metairie 70003	467-3105 466-3191	\$5,300 \$650 registration and capital improvement, \$300 technology fee	1,000 67	8 through 12	25	Catholic all girls	WND 98 percent	1962	Jane Ann K. Frosch president
<b>Ecole Classique</b> 5236 Glendale St. Metairie 70006	887-3507 887-8140	\$4,800 \$200	240 30	Pre-K through 12th	18	nondenominational coed	WND 98 percent	1956	Sal Federico headmaster
<b>John Curtis Christian School</b> 10125 Jefferson Highway River Ridge 70123	737-4621 739-2341	\$4,800 \$300 registration fee	480 35	Pre-K through 12	22	nondenominational coed	90 percent 97 percent	1962	J. T. Curtis acting headmaster
<b>Believer's Life Christian Academy</b> 501 Lapalco Blvd. Gretna 70056	348-4685 340-6611	\$4,350 \$395	145 12	K4 through 12	25	private coed	WND WND	1987	Newlie Long principal
<b>Bishop McManus Academy</b> 8801 Chef Menteur Highway New Orleans 70127	246-5121 246-5564	\$2,995 \$250 registration fee	75 8	Pre-K through 12	20	Christian 20 percent Vietnamese, 20 percent Caucasian, 10 percent Spanish, 50 percent African American	85 percent 95 percent	1975	Tammy McManus WND
<b>Grace Baptist Academy</b> 950 Manson Drive Marrero 70072	341-1131 341-6338	\$300 \$175	6 WND	7 through 8	6	Baptist WND	WND WND	1983	Jonathan Lakie principal

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# Four-year Louisiana colleges and universities

(ranked by total enrollment)

Name Address	Fall enrollment 2007	Top administrator Title Internet address	Percent of applicants admitted Percent of students receiving financial aid	In-state tuition annually Out-of-state tuition annually	Academic specialties
<b>Louisiana State University &amp; A&amp;M College</b> 156 Thomas Boyd Hall Baton Rouge 70803	28,019	William L. Jenkins acting chancellor and president emeritus www.lsu.edu	65 percent 77 percent	\$2,269 for undergraduate tuition and fees \$6,419 for undergraduate tuition and fees	business administration, internal auditing, disaster management, landscape architecture, interior design, basic sciences, mass communication, music and the dramatic arts, coastal sciences, Atlantic studies, computational sciences, materials science and engineering
<b>University of Louisiana at Lafayette</b> 103 University Circle Lafayette 70503	16,345	E. Joseph Savoie president www.louisiana.edu	70 percent 57 percent	\$3,400 \$9,582	environmental sciences, engineering, advanced computer science, business, nursing, architecture
<b>Southeastern Louisiana University</b> SLU P.O. Box 10880 Hammond 70402	15,118	Michael R. Moffett * president www.selu.edu	56 percent 66 percent	approximately \$3,200 approximately \$8,500	biological science, business, education, industrial technology, nursing and health sciences, global development, computer sciences, liberal arts
<b>University of New Orleans</b> 2000 Lakeshore Drive New Orleans 70148	11,363	Timothy Ryan chancellor www.uno.edu	81 percent 71 percent	\$3,292 \$10,336	naval architecture, film, environmental social science, chemistry, political science, business education
<b>Louisiana Tech University</b> P.O. Box 3168 Ruston 71272	10,607	Dan Reneau president www.latech.edu	66 percent NA	\$3,948 \$8,853	business, applied natural sciences, education, engineering and science, liberal arts
<b>Tulane University</b> 6823 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70118	10,519	Scott S. Cowen president www.tulane.edu	44 percent 81 percent	\$36,610 \$36,610	architecture, business, science and engineering, law, liberal arts, medicine, public health and tropical medicine, social work
<b>Northwestern State University</b> 715 College Ave. Natchitoches 71497	9,038	Randall Webb president www.nsula.edu	70 percent 90 percent	\$2,240 \$8,318	nursing, education, psychology, hospitality, management and tourism, electronic engineering technology, heritage resources
<b>University of Louisiana at Monroe</b> 700 University Ave. Monroe 71209	8,549	James E. Cofer president www.ulm.edu	NA 82 percent	\$1,803.45 per semester \$4,779.45 per semester	pharmacy and health sciences, criminal justice, computer information systems, communicative disorders, toxicology, teacher education
<b>Southern University &amp; A&amp;M College-Baton Rouge</b> P.O. Box 9653 Baton Rouge 70813	8,288	Margaret S. Ambrose interim chancellor www.subr.edu	53 percent 96 percent	\$1,853 \$4,436	nursing, engineering, urban forestry, science, business
<b>McNeese State University</b> 4205 Ryan St. Lake Charles 70609	8,095	Robert D. Hebert president www.mcneese.edu	78 percent 74 percent	\$3,159 \$8,720	education, nursing, business, engineering, liberal arts, sciences
<b>Nicholls State University</b> 901 E. First St. Thibodaux 70310	6,882	Stephen T. Hulbert president www.nicholls.edu	86 percent 66 percent	\$3,595 \$5,448	accounting and information systems, child, family and social services, culinary arts, geomatics, marine and environmental biology, nursing and allied health sciences, business, biological sciences, and teacher education
<b>Grambling State University</b> 403 Main St. Grambling 71245	5,161	Horace Judson president www.gram.edu	30 percent 89 percent	\$2,232 \$7,582	education, business, nursing, social work, liberal arts
<b>Loyola University New Orleans</b> 6363 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70118	4,585	Rev. Kevin Wildes www.loyno.edu	61 percent 85 percent	\$27,168 \$27,168	communications (journalism, public relations, advertising), psychology, biology, forensic chemistry, international business, English writing, music industry studies, criminal justice, theatre arts
<b>Louisiana State University in Shreveport</b> One University Place Shreveport 71115	3,960	Vincent J. Marsala chancellor www.lsus.edu	79 percent 90 percent	\$3,520.80 \$7,846.80	liberal arts, science, business, education
<b>Xavier University of Louisiana</b> 1 Drexel Drive New Orleans 70125	3,088	Norman C. Francis president www.xula.edu	59 percent 78 percent	\$13,700 \$13,700	sciences, pre-medicine program, college of pharmacy
<b>Southern University at New Orleans</b> 6801 Press Drive (temporary North campus) New Orleans 70126	2,648	Victor Ukpolo chancellor www.suno.edu	NA 95 percent	\$1,486 based on 12 hours \$1,869 based on 12 hours	social work, criminal justice
<b>Louisiana State University at Alexandria</b> 8100 Highway 71 S. Alexandria 71302	2,634	Thomas Armstrong interim chancellor www.lsu.a.edu	59 percent 83 percent	\$1564.25 including fees \$2794.25 including fees	nursing, education, business, allied health, psychology, general baccalaureate
<b>New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary</b> 3939 Gentilly Road New Orleans 70125-4854	2,456	Charles Kelley president www.nobts.edu	NA 20 percent	\$135 NA	religious education, sacred music, theological and ministerial studies
<b>Our Lady of Holy Cross College</b> 4123 Woodland Drive New Orleans 70131	1,309	Rev. Anthony J. De Conciliis president www.olhcc.edu	43 percent 81 percent	\$7,350 \$7,350	nursing, education, counseling, business administration, radiologic technology, respiratory care, humanities, theology
<b>Dillard University</b> 2601 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans 70122	956	Marvalene Hughes president www.dillard.edu	46 percent 100 percent	\$11,760 \$11,760	business, public health, nursing, educational and psychological studies, humanities, natural science, nursing, social sciences, teacher certification, urban studies, social welfare and criminal justice
<b>Louisiana College</b> 1140 College Drive, Box 583 Pineville 71359	944	Joe Aguiard president www.lacollege.edu	48 percent 90 percent	\$10,650 (15 hours) \$10,650 (15 hours)	biology (pre-med), business, religion, athletic training
<b>Centenary College of Louisiana</b> 2911 Centenary Blvd. Shreveport 71104	938	Ken Schwab president www.centenary.edu	62 percent 97 percent	\$19,850 \$19,850	music, pre-med, pre-law, fine arts/performance, business, education, MBA, masters of education, communications
<b>Notre Dame Seminary</b> 2901 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118-4391	114	David Liberto Jose I. Lavastida academic dean president/rector www.nds.edu	28 percent 0 percent	\$13,225 same	theology
<b>St. Joseph Seminary College</b> 75376 River Road St. Benedict 70435	81	Fr. Gregory Boquet, O.S.B. Gregory Boquet president/rectors www.sjasc.com	NA NA	NA NA	philosophy, theology, liberal arts

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# Charter schools in New Orleans

(ranked by enrollment)

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<b>Lusher Charter School</b> 7315 Willow St. and 5624 Freret St. New Orleans 70118 and 20115	862-5110 and 304-3960 861-1839	2005	K through 12	1,424	academic excellence with focus on the arts	Kathy Hurstell Riedlinger CEO	Advocates for Arts-Based Education Inc. Blaine LeCesne board president
<b>O. Perry Walker Senior High School</b> 2832 General Meyer Ave. New Orleans 70114	324-7550 309-2960	1973	9 through 12	850	college and career prep	Mary L. H. Laurie principal	Algiers Charter School Association Elsie Rose, president; Glenn Orgeron, vice president and secretary; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Charles Rice; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis
<b>Warren Easton</b> 3019 Canal St. New Orleans 70119	324-7400 324-7946	originally 1913 - charter school founded 2006	9 through 12	832	college prep	Alexina A. Medley principal and CEO	Warren Easton Charter Foundation Warren Easton Charter Foundation
<b>Edna Karr High School</b> 3332 Huntlee Drive New Orleans 70131	398-7115 398-7118	1964	9 through 12	800	college prep	John C. Hiser principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association ACSA School Board
<b>Audubon Charter School</b> 428 Broadway St. / 719 South Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	324-7100 / 324-7110 866-1691 / 218-4618	2006	Pre-K through 8	720	French and Montessori Schools with a disciplined-based arts curriculum	Janice A. Dupuy principal and CEO	French and Montessori Education, Inc. (FAME, Inc.) Carlos Zervigon chairman; Yvonne (Teddi) Locke vice chairman; Sharon Nossiter secretary; James Reiss treasurer; board members Hon. Olivier Brochenin, Kenneth Ducote, Allen Miller, Wynn Seemann, Edwin Shorty, Rev. Cornelius Tilton, and Laura Watts
<b>Martin Behrman Charter Academy of Creative Arts and Sciences</b> 715 Opelousas Ave. New Orleans 70114	324-7030 309-8174	2005	Pre K through 8	600	creative arts	Rene' Lewis-Carter principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association Elsie Rose, president; Glenn Orgeron, vice president and secretary; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Charles Rice; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis
<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Charter School</b> 1617 Caffin Ave. New Orleans 70117	940-2243 940-2276	1995/Charter 2006	Pre-K through 9	552	science, math, technology	Doris Roche' Hicks CEO and principal	Friends of King School Hilda W. Young, president
<b>Benjamin Franklin High School</b> 2001 Leon C. Simon Drive New Orleans 70122	286-2600 286-2642	1957	9 through 12	545	promote excellence among New Orleans high school students	Timothy G. Rusnak principal and CEO	Advocates for Academic Excellence in Education, Inc. Duris Holmes, President; Timothy Ryan, Ph.D.; James Meza, Jr., Ph.D.; Carl Indest
<b>Einstein Charter</b> 5100 Cannes St. New Orleans 70129	324-7450 254-4121	2006	Pre-K through 8	521	math and science	Ronald E. Midkiff principal	Einstein Group Inc. Nolan Marshall president, Chuck Gasho vice president, Ronald Carrere Jr. treasurer, Christy Williams secretary, Karen Collins, Margaret Nguyen and Melanie Pittman
<b>KIPP McDonogh 15</b> 721 St. Philip St. New Orleans 70116	566-1706 592-8515	2006	Pre-K through 8	470	college preparatory, creative arts	Heidi Campbell Jared Lamb school leaders	KIPP New Orleans Schools KIPP New Orleans Schools
<b>Hynes Elementary</b> 3774 Gentilly Boulevard- returning to 990 Harrison Avenue in 2010 New Orleans 70122	324-7160 948-1750	1952	Gifted Pre-K and K through 8	450	research-based success for all reading program, balanced Louisiana curriculum, French Immersion, pursuing NAEYC accreditation, SACS/CASI accredited, and a variety of extra-curricular activities	Michelle Bertram Douglas principal and CEO	Edward Hynes Charter School Todd Schexnayder, President; Alvin Miester III, JD, Vice President; Elizabeth Uzee Sigler, MS, Secretary and Treasurer; Tim P. Ryan, PhD; James Meza, PhD; Darlene Morgan Brown, PhD; and Barbara Richard, M.Ed.
<b>Andrew H. Wilson Charter School</b> 1111 Milan St. New Orleans 70115	373-6274 891-1760	NA	K through 6	450	NA	Sheila M. Thomas principal	In Partnership Edison Schools Broodmoor Improvement Association
<b>Lake Forest Elementary Charter School</b> 12000 Hayne Blvd. New Orleans 70128	324-7092 248-7020	2006	K through 8	443	college prep with the integration of cultural arts and social skills.	Mardele Simmons Early principal and CEO	The Council for Quality Education The Council for Quality Education
<b>McDonogh #32 Literacy Charter School</b> 800 De Armas New Orleans 70114	373-6285 361-7957	2005	Pre-K through 8	420	literacy	Lee C. Green principal	Algiers Charter School Association Elsie Rose, president; Glenn Orgeron, vice president and secretary; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Charles Rice; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis
<b>William J. Fischer Elementary</b> 1801 L. B. Landry Ave. New Orleans 70114	304-3976 393-1013	NA	Pre-K through 8	420	accelerated academy	Dahme K. Bolden principal	ACSA Elsie Rose, Glenn Orgeron, Cassandra Bookman, Donna St. Louis, Charles Rice, Stephanie Bridges, Mark McNamara
<b>Algiers Technology Academy</b> 6501 Berkley Drive New Orleans 70131	373-6282 433-7986	2007	9 through 12	400	technology	Dr. Henderson Lewis Jr. principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association Algier Charter Schools Board Of Trustees
<b>UNO/Pierre Capdau Charter School</b> 3821 Franklin Ave. New Orleans 70122	872-9257 812-0393	2004	K through 8	389	inquiry based learning		New Beginnings School Foundation Hugh Hamilton, Patricia Adams, Timothy Ryan, James Meza,, Carla Major, Mollie Alacorn
<b>New Orleans Math and Science</b> 5625 Loyola Ave. New Orleans 70115	324-7061 309-4178	January 2006	9 through 12	359	extended school day, extended school year, tutoring sessions	Bridget Ramsey principal	New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School Mary Zervigon board president
<b>Robert Russa Moton Charter</b> 3774 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans 70122	942-0868 948-1751	2006	Pre-K through 7	274	performing arts and technology	Paulette P. Bruno CEO	Advocates for Innovative Schools Inc. NA
<b>Intercultural Charter School</b> 5075 Willow Brook Drive New Orleans 70129	254-6417 254-6407	2008	K through 5	262	world view	Peta A. LeBlanc principal	Edison Learning Alvaro Alcazar, Ph.D., board president
<b>KIPP Believe College Prep</b> 1607 S Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	304-8857 304-8862	2006	5 through 7	255	college prep	Adam Meinig school director	KIPP New Orleans KIPP New Orleans Inc.
<b>Priestley School</b> 2009 Palmyra St. New Orleans 70112	324-7200 NA	June 14, 2006	9 through 11	204	extended school day, tutoring sessions	Michelle Biagas principal	Priestley School of Architecture and Construction Inc. Christopher D'Amour board president

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<b>KIPP Central City Academy</b> 2625 Thalia St. New Orleans 70113	373-6290 NA	2007	5 through 6	175	college prep	Todd Purvis school leader	KIPP New Orleans Schools NA
<b>Crocker Arts and Technology School</b> 2300 General Taylor St. New Orleans 70115	338-6054 367-2669	mid-1960's	Pre-K to 2 adding a grade a year until 5th grade	160	emphasis on the arts and technology	Anna C. Robertson principal	RSD NA
<b>Akili Academy of New Orleans</b> 1700 Pratt Drive New Orleans 70122	274-3642 274-3699	2008	K through 1	120	college prep	Sean Gallagher executive director	Akili Academy of New Orleans NA
<b>KIPP Central City Primary</b> 2625 Thalia St. New Orleans 70113	373-6290 302-9737	2008	K (will grow to K through 4)	96	college prep	Korbin Johnson principal	KIPP New Orleans Schools KIPP New Orleans Schools
<b>New Orleans Charter Science and Math Academy</b> 7301 Dwyer Road New Orleans 70126	261-1082 261-1082	2008	9th grade	90	college prep	Benjamin Marcovitz principal	New Orleans Charter Science and Math Academy NA
<b>Alice M. Harte Elementary</b> 5300 Berkley Drive New Orleans 70131	398-7101 398-7013	2005	K through 8	NA	NA	Anna Faye Marciante principal	Algiers Charter School Association Elsie Rose, president; Glenn Orgeron, vice president and secretary; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Charles Rice; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis
<b>Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary</b> 3700 Tall Pines Drive New Orleans 70131	398-7126 398-7129	NA	Pre-K through 8	NA	Academy of Global Studies	Monica B. Boudouin principal	Algiers Charter School Association Elsie Rose, president; Glenn Orgeron, vice president and secretary; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Charles Rice; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis

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### Academy of the Sacred Heart [www.ashrosary.org](http://www.ashrosary.org) 269-1213

Mater Campus (Pre/Lower Schools)  
 PK-4 Tuesday, October 14 & 28 8:30-11 a.m.  
 PK-4 Wednesday, October 22 4:30 p.m.  
 PK-4 Tuesday, November 11 8:30-11 a.m.  
 PK-4 Tuesday, January 13 8:30-11 a.m.  
 Rosary Campus (Middle/Upper Schools)  
 5-12 Wednesday, November 5 4:30 p.m.

### Christ Episcopal School [www.christepiscopalschool.org](http://www.christepiscopalschool.org) 985-871-9902

PK-K Wednesday, October 8 9 a.m.  
 Tours Available by Appointment

### Isidore Newman School [www.newmanschool.org](http://www.newmanschool.org) 896-6323

Please call for a reservation  
 PK-K Friday, September 19 & 26 9 a.m.  
 PK-K Friday, October 3, 10 & 17 9 a.m.  
 PK-K Friday, November 14 & 21 9 a.m.  
 PK-K Friday, December 5 & 12 9 a.m.  
 LS Wednesday, October 22 6:15 p.m.  
 LS Thursday, January 22 9 a.m.  
 6-12 Wednesday, November 5 6:15 p.m.  
 6-12 Thursday, January 15 9 a.m.

### Louise S. McGehee School [www.mcgeheeschool.com](http://www.mcgeheeschool.com) 561-1224

PK-12 Thursday, October 9 & 30 8:30-10 a.m.  
 5-12 Thursday, October 16 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
 PK-12 Thursday, November 6 & 20 8:30-10 a.m.  
 PK-12 Thursday, December 11 8:30-10 a.m.  
 PK-12 Thursday, January 15 & 29 8:30-10 a.m.  
 5-12 Thursday, January 22 4:30-6:30 p.m.

### Metairie Park Country Day School [www.mpcds.com](http://www.mpcds.com) 849-3105

PK-K Tuesday, October 28 6:30 p.m.  
 6-12 Thursday, November 6 6:30 p.m.  
 6-12 Thursday, January 15 8:30 a.m.

### St. Andrew's Episcopal School [www.standrews.k12.la.us](http://www.standrews.k12.la.us) 861-3743

PK-8 Tuesday, October 14 & 28 9:15 a.m.  
 PK-8 Thursday, November 13 9:15 a.m.  
 PK-8 Friday, January 16 & 23 9:15 a.m.

### St. George's Episcopal School [www.stgeorgesepiscopal.com](http://www.stgeorgesepiscopal.com) 891-5509

PK-8 Thursday, October 16 & 23 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 PK-8 Thursday, November 13 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 PK-8 Thursday, January 15 & 29 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### St. Martin's Episcopal School [www.stmsaints.com](http://www.stmsaints.com) 736-9917

6-12 Wednesday, October 15 9 a.m.  
 PK-5 Thursday, October 16 9 a.m.  
 PK-K Tuesday, November 18 9 a.m.  
 6-12 Wednesday, November 19 6 p.m.  
 PK-12 Wednesday, January 28 9 a.m.

### St. Paul's Episcopal School [www.stpauls-lakeview.org](http://www.stpauls-lakeview.org) 488-1319

PK-K Saturday, October 25 9 a.m.  
 PK-8 Saturday, October 25 1 p.m.  
 PK-K Thursday, October 30 6 p.m.  
 PK-8 Wednesday, November 5 6:30 p.m.  
 PK-K Saturday, January 10 9 a.m.  
 PK-8 Saturday, January 10 1 p.m.  
 PK-8 Tuesday, January 20 6 p.m.  
 PK-K Tuesday, January 27 6 p.m.  
 PK-K Saturday, April 18 9 a.m.  
 PK-8 Saturday, April 18 1 p.m.

### Stuart Hall School for Boys [www.stuarthall.org](http://www.stuarthall.org) 861-5384

N-7 Wednesday, October 22 8:30 a.m.  
 Tours Available By Appointment

### Trinity Episcopal School [www.trinitynola.com](http://www.trinitynola.com) 525-8661

PK-8 Friday, October 17 8:45 a.m.  
 PK-8 Friday, November 21 8:45 a.m.  
 PK-8 Friday, December 5 8:45 a.m.

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