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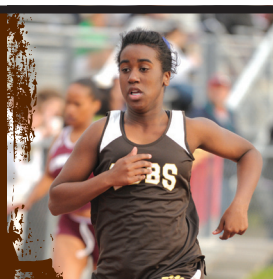
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## Introduction

# Districts get creative as budgets are sliced



Just as schools throughout the region were starting to shift their focus away from Hurricane Katrina recovery to the future, the recession and budget cuts have created a new dilemma for education officials.

Cutbacks were most severe for public colleges and universities, which challenged the state Legislature not to chop away so deeply at their budgets. But lawmakers still took more than \$100 million from the state college system during their recent session after cutting \$55 million in January.

Things aren't much better in Orleans Parish, which is taking a hit from shrinking sales-tax receipts, a decline in federal recovery dollars and an increase in health care spending for retired teachers.

Jefferson Parish education officials had their own share of financial problems, once again dipping into their reserves to fill a \$25 million budget gap caused by a dip in enrollment and a decrease in per-student state financing.

But there are bright spots. St. Bernard Parish continues to move forward with Katrina recovery work, with eight of the original 15 schools open and nearly \$165 million set aside to open four more buildings, a cultural arts center and two new elementary schools.

Taxpayers have rallied to help schools in St. Tammany Parish and in the River Parishes — St. James, St. John and St. Charles — by approving bonds and continue construction projects as the area's population grows outside of the metro area.

Meanwhile, Orleans Parish and the Recovery School District are starting to see some of its Quick Start schools join the landscape with Langston Hughes Elementary coming online this month, followed by Greater Gentilly High School and Andrew Wilson Elementary in January and L.B. Landry High School set for the 2010-11 school year.

While finances have negatively impacted every school district in the region, educators remain committed to one thing — providing a quality education. And even though money is tight, it appears the 2009-10 school year will continue to build on the momentum that has been building since schools got what they called a "clean slate" in 2005. •

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Archbishop Rummel High School band director Glenn Scheuermann leads the marching band during a summer rehearsal.

# ARCHDIOCESE

## Enrollment still down throughout system, but voucher system helping to buoy loss

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The Archdiocese of New Orleans expects an increase in the number of students taking advantage of the state's private school voucher program, but overall enrollment remains down.

The Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program brought about 500 new students into the 86 Archdiocesan schools for the 2008-09 school year, spokeswoman Sarah Comiskey said.

"We expect all of our scholarship students from last year to return this school year," she said. "We expect to have 700 scholarship students total this year."

To qualify for the voucher program, families must live in Orleans Parish, and their median family income cannot exceed 250 percent of the current federal poverty level — \$55,125 for a family of four.

The student applying for the voucher also must have been enrolled in an Orleans Parish public school for the previous school year.

The scholarship students are spread throughout the district's schools, Comiskey

said, but several principals have reported an increase in financial aid offerings since the national economic downturn in the last half of 2008.

Cabrini High School President Ardley Hanemann said there has been an increase in financial aid requests at the 50-year-old Mid-City school, even as enrollment has stalled.

"Right now we're holding steady with an enrollment of about 560," he said. "That's down about 8 (percent) or 9 percent from last year."

Archdiocesan schools in St. Tammany Parish are feeling even more of a pinch, even though overall enrollment is still climbing.

Elementary school enrollment in St. Tammany rose from 3,269 for the 2007-08 school year to 3,345 last year, while overall enrollment rose from 5,315 to just over 5,500 in the same time period, Comiskey said.

But Archbishop Hannan High School principal John Cavell said each missing student carries a hefty price tag.

"We are the most affordable of the

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, with tuition of \$6,000 per year including fees," he said. "We do offer financial aid packages, and this is one of the largest years we have ever had for financial aid packages."

Missing the projected enrollment total by just 35 translates into more than \$200,000 less coming into the school, which Cavell said forced him to cut three faculty positions and combine others.

Cavell said no matter what happens with the economy, providing a strong education will always be a priority.

"This is all part of us being responsible stewards of the finances that are presented to us," he said. "Education is always the top priority."

Comiskey said the diocese's peak enrollment topped 50,000 students for the 2003-04 school year, but the student count was down about 20 percent, 40,372, for the 2008-09 school year. Enrollment projections for 2009-10 haven't been determined yet, but a small drop from last year's total is expected, Comiskey said. •

### BY THE NUMBERS

	2007-08	2008-09
Schools:	86	86
Students:	40,624	40,372
Voucher recipients:	500	700
Teachers:	2,698	3,000

Source: CityBusiness staff research



Hynes Elementary student teacher Maria Biswalo works with second graders, from left, Jalen Aubert, Rosemary Bertin, Kerilyn Womble, Cecelia Cousins (obstructed) and Talia Theard.

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# CHARTER SCHOOLS

Independent schools grow in numbers, prove success

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Charter schools have sprouted in New Orleans and now exceed the number of traditional public schools, with the goal of students benefiting from open enrollment, out-of-the box thinking and attention to individual needs.

The quality of the city's primary and secondary education, test scores and graduation rates have all risen as a result, Recovery School District Superintendent Paul Vallas said.

Charters took off after Hurricane Katrina damaged more than 100 school buildings. In late 2005, the state Legislature transferred 107 poorly performing schools from the New Orleans Public Schools system to the RSD. The RSD's early focus was on repairs, but as families returned to the city, dozens of charters opened with autonomous boards and principals hiring teachers and deciding curriculum.

New Orleans leads the nation in the percent of public schools students attending

charter schools at 58 percent in 2008-09, said Caroline Roemer Shirley, executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.

Shirley said she sees charters as a tool for reform in New Orleans because of their record of academic performance, their accountability to parents and the entity that approved their opening, and their ability to be independently run and adapt to students' needs.

During the legislative session earlier this year, lawmakers decided to remove the limit of 70 charter schools that can operate in Louisiana.

The state's education department said the action could help the state as it seeks more federal education money.

Of the city's 88 public school programs in 2008-09, the state Board of Education oversaw 33 RSD charters, two non-RSD charters and 33 direct-run RSD schools. NOPS ran 12 charters and five traditional institutions. Several small programs, mostly

startup charters, shared modular structures that were built after Katrina.

The city has five kinds of charters, with academically weak public schools that were transferred to the RSD the predominant type. The RSD allows management of some of its charters by outside partnerships, such as the San Francisco-based Knowledge Is Power Program, which runs three city schools and plans to open two more in 2010.

In 2008-09, charters outperformed non-charters on standardized tests in the RSD for the third year in a row. In some schools, teachers received bonuses when their students tested well. But one reason for better test scores at charters is that limits on enrollment give them fairly stable student bodies, while traditional schools have to absorb students through the year, city education leaders said.

In January, Benjamin Franklin High and Lusher and Lake Forest elementary schools all rated a maximum score of 10 in an annual evaluation by Great Schools, a national-

## BY THE NUMBERS

	2007-08	2008-09
Schools:	40	47
Students:	17,911	20,425
Teachers:	1,246	1,440

Source: CityBusiness staff research

ranking service based in San Francisco.

A Stanford University study released in June found black students in New Orleans charter schools performed better than their counterparts in the city's traditional public schools.

Parents of students with physical, mental and emotional handicaps sometimes complain their children wind up in traditional schools because generally smaller charters don't have enough special-education teachers. But the Stanford study found that the same share, 16 percent, of students were enrolled in special-education programs in Louisiana's charters as in the state's traditional public schools, Shirley said. •

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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From left: Students Carla Ray and Christina Anthony dissect a sheep's brain with instructor Benny Strickland during an anatomy and physiology class at the University of New Orleans.

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Budget cuts force institutions to downsize, streamline

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Money is the greatest challenge facing public higher education in greater New Orleans following state budget cuts that forced universities to reduce staff, streamline programs, increase class sizes and look for new cash sources.

The Louisiana Legislature trimmed more than \$100 million from the state college system during its recent session a mid-fiscal year cut of \$55 million in January.

Lawmakers approved a 5 percent tuition increase for state colleges, but the move is expected to restore \$29 million or just 18 percent of the budget cuts.

The cuts sliced an estimated 10 percent from the budget of the University of New Orleans. To make ends meet, the school eliminated a third of its senior administration, including two vice chancellors and two administrative deans. UNO has also pulled general fund appropriations for athletics, realigned programs, eliminated 75 unfilled faculty and staff positions, and allowed 20 to 30 workers to take early retirement.

"It was a very, very difficult process," UNO Chancellor Timothy Ryan said. "No institution can handle cut after cut after cut."

The only way we can manage those is to structure our university that we can grow.”

The UNO Foundation has taken responsibility for raising money for the school, and the athletic program hopes to become self-sustaining with help from New Orleans Hornets owner George Shinn.

Southern University at New Orleans, the city's only public historically black college, heard calls to consolidate with UNO while also facing budget cuts.

“Once the budget comes into reality, that means we have no choice but to downsize and streamline,” said SUNO Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, adding that he was prepared to cut as much as 5 percent of the staff and reorganize the administration, with hopes of recalling workers as the budget allows.

As a fourth-tier admission institution with less stringent admission criteria, SUNO provides higher education to students who would otherwise have to leave the state to get a degree, Ukpolo said.

“We are here to bridge the gap to pro-

vide this access to a significant number of students,” he said.

Ukpolo recently released results of an economic impact study showing the university generates an economic return of \$7 for every \$1 invested but provided no hard data backing his claim.

Delgado Community College Chancellor Ron Wright said he planned to reduce staff and eliminate the frequency of certain class offerings, leading to an increase in the student-teacher ratio. He was waiting for final budget figures in July before releasing specific numbers.

Wright anticipated increasing class sizes from 22 to about 32.

All the while, he has stressed the importance of the community college system.

“We are the work force solution,” he said. “We are the segment of higher education that is preparing people for work.”

Wright said it takes 15 medical technicians likely trained at a community college to support every doctor in practice.

“Cutting the community college budget, especially the technical college, is detrimental to the work force,” Wright said, pointing out that community colleges typically cannot rely on large donations from philanthropists.

Meanwhile, the area's private colleges are embarking on construction projects in the

midst of the recession, including Dillard University, which continues to recover from Hurricane Katrina damage.

Dillard officials say its recovery work is 80 percent complete with a classroom building, student union, and health and wellness center still in progress.

Tulane University has several construction projects under way and is transforming a portion of McAlister Drive into a mall, creating more pedestrian and bike-friendly spaces on campus.

At Xavier, a \$30 million expansion to the College of Pharmacy is taking place, with a new chapel and other projects on the horizon. •

## BY THE NUMBERS

### DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

	2007-08	2008-09
Enrollment:	13,217	14,450
Faculty:	638	787
Staff:	305	394

### DILLARD UNIVERSITY

	2007-08	2008-09
Enrollment:	956	851
Faculty:	120	132
Staff:	316	232

### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

	2007-08	2008-09
Enrollment:	4,585	4,634
Faculty:	384	412
Staff:	240	522

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	2007-08	2008-09
Enrollment:	1,272	1,303
Faculty:	154	154
Staff:	35	42

### SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS

	2007-08	2008-09
Enrollment:	3,104	2,648
Faculty:	120	102
Staff:	96	199

### TULANE UNIVERSITY

	2007-08	2008-09
Enrollment:	10,519	11,157
Faculty:	1,577	1,844
Staff:	2,832	3,488

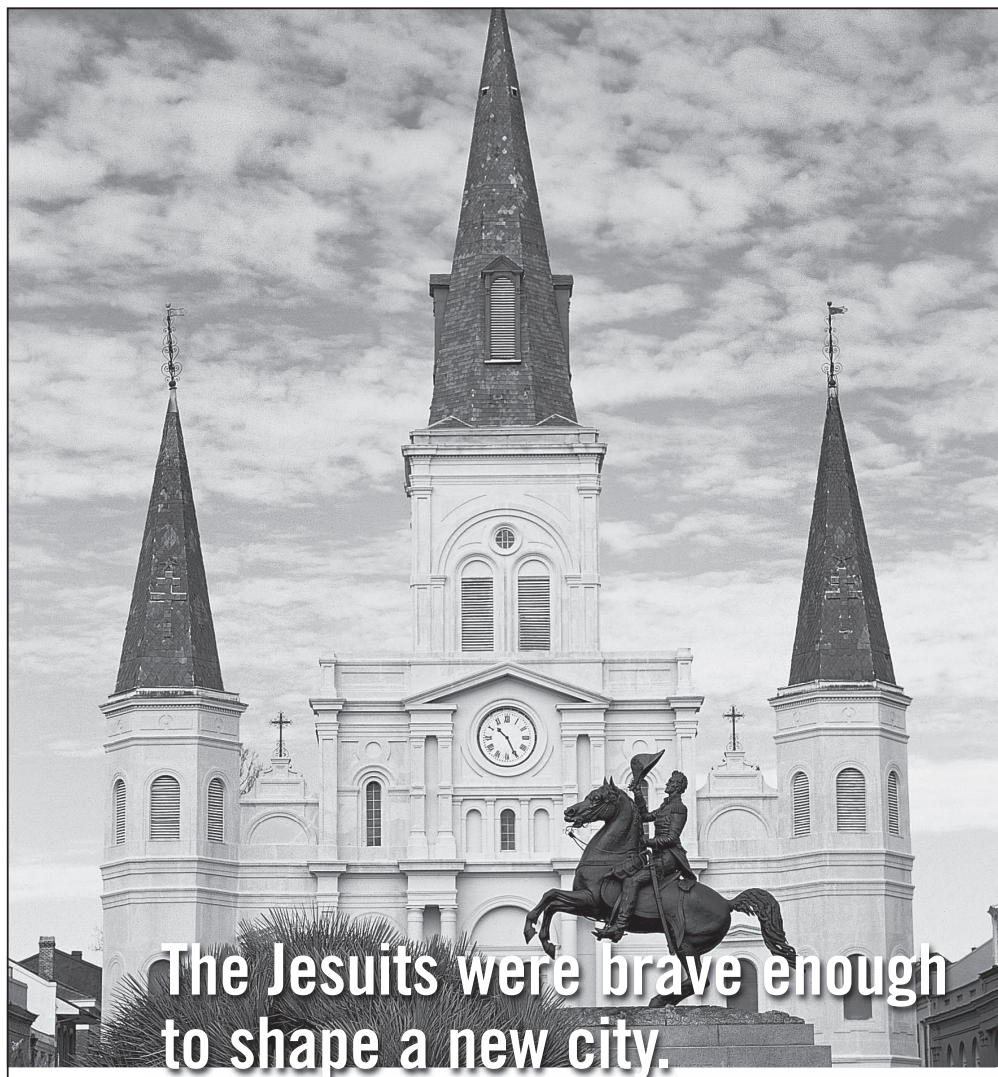
### UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

	2007-08	2008-09
Enrollment:	11,363	11,427
Faculty:	457	622
Staff:	785	1,104

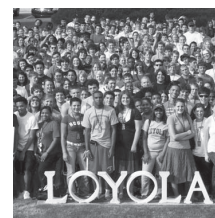
### XAVIER UNIVERSITY

	2007-08	2008-09
Enrollment:	3,088	3,236
Faculty:	185	212
Staff:	175	493

Source: CityBusiness staff research



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# JEFFERSON PARISH

Budget gaps filled, but desegregation remains major issue

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The Jefferson Parish School System faced a problem as the 2008-09 school year came to an end: a \$25 million budget gap.

Along with the fiscal crisis, the system continues to grapple with issues such as desegregation, a teacher shortage and student literacy and graduation rates.

Despite those challenges, system officials pointed to several areas of progress in their end-of-the-year assessment, including better LEAP test scores, an expanding magnet school program and new investments in technology.

To address the budget deficit, the school board in May again dipped into its Minimum Foundation Program shortfall account, a reserve fund designed to fill budget gaps caused by declining enrollment and the related decrease in per-student state financing.

The following month, after initially proposing to close about 15 schools, the Jefferson Parish School Board instead voted to direct Superintendent Diane Roussel to come up with a cost-saving budget.

Although the possibility of some schools closing as early as the 2010-11 academic

## BY THE NUMBERS

	2007-08	2008-09
Schools:	86	86
Students:	43,000	43,000
Teachers:	3,300	3,300

Source: CityBusiness staff research



Jefferson Parish Public School System Superintendent Diane Roussel sits in on a fourth-grade class at Bissonet Plaza Elementary School.

year is not off the table, Jefferson Federation of Teachers President Melody Munch hopes it doesn't come to that.

"We feel we need to look at the overall school system to see what (other) things we can do," said Munch, adding that the assessment should include a review of staffing at the system's central office and the school level, as well as bus routes.

"The overwhelming majority of the school district budget is salary and benefits. ... As wonderful as those things are, we have to be realistic about the budget," Munch said.

Ray St. Pierre, a school board member who has favored some consolidation, cautioned against continuing to rely on the reserve fund to balance the budget.

"We've done that now two times, or maybe three, and we can only do it one

more time because that's all the money we'll have left," St. Pierre said.

While financial problems loom, the most significant issue the system faced in the past year was a legal one, Munch said.

"The biggest thing that seemed to impact the school system this year was the Dandridge case," Munch said, referring to the lawsuit brought against the district in 1971 for its noncompliance with the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board* desegregation decision.

Last year, a federal judge ordered the system to implement a desegregation plan over a three-year period. That order led to the reorganization of several schools, especially at the elementary level.

One of the system's recent highlights has been the growth of its magnet schools pro-

gram, spokesman Jeff Nowakowski said.

"These schools provide students an opportunity to succeed academically while learning in a racially diverse environment," Nowakowski said.

The district invested \$27.5 million during the past year in technology enhancement, and the installation of a network infrastructure for high-speed fiber optics was expected to be complete this month.

Nowakowski said a major focus in the coming year will be literacy improvements. Starting in the summer, Jefferson Parish schools implemented a three-week summer reading institute. Designed to help struggling readers, the program provides 52 hours of intensive instruction and bus transportation at no cost. The program will continue through the summer of 2011. •





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# ORLEANS PARISH

**New school buildings rise despite deficit, downsizing, closures**

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As New Orleans public schools continue to rebuild from Hurricane Katrina, a new storm is brewing for the district. Shrinking sales-tax receipts and a decline in federal recovery dollars, combined with an increase in health care spending for retired teachers, have left the system in a financial bind.

The Orleans Parish School Board managed to balance its 2009-2010 budget and avoid a \$13 million deficit by laying off 30 teachers and 16 central office and system employees. Despite those measures, PM High School, an evening program, is slated to close and an expansion of LEAP test help programs could be curtailed.

Under a formula using sales tax income from two years ago, OPSB will distribute \$2.7 million more from tax revenues to charter schools this fiscal year than the board receives.

Meanwhile, the system's Katrina recovery continues.

Stan Smith, OPSB chief financial officer, said construction to replace damaged and demolished buildings continues under the parish's six-phase, 15-year School Facilities

Master Plan. The first four of the district's five Quick Start schools are expected to open within the next year. Langston Hughes Elementary School will open this month, while Greater Gentilly High School and Andrew Wilson Elementary are expected to be ready in January with L.B. Landry High School set for the 2010-11 school year.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is committed to spending \$650 million to restore city schools, authorizing \$148 million of that work this spring.

Before Katrina, the cost of deferred maintenance on deteriorating school buildings was estimated at \$1 billion, Recovery School District spokeswoman Siona LaFrance said.

LaFrance said new schools being are designed to meet strict environmental standards and will consume 30 percent less energy than traditionally built schools, allowing the RSD to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower operating costs.

She pointed to new green features, including cisterns to catch rainwater to help cool schools, solar panels, dual-pane windows and landscaping with native plants. The U.S. Green Building Council has embedded an architect in the district's office to ensure all buildings meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver standards.

This fall, the RSD will open two career academies: the finance-oriented International High School of New Orleans in the Central Business District and Greater Gentilly High, focused on arts and communications.

The city's public schools consisted of a patchwork of 88 charters and traditional institutions operated by the RSD, OPSD and the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in 2008-09, serving nearly 36,000 students.

The RSD ran 66 schools, half of which

**Top and above: Project manager John Haarala of Jacobs/CSRS Program Management reviews progress at the new Langston Hughes Elementary School, which opens this month.**

were charters, while it continued to work with the OPSB to rebuild and renovate facilities damaged by Katrina. The OPSB owns the city's public school buildings, including the RSD structures, and oversaw 17 schools last school year, 12 of which were charters.

Orleans Public Schools Superintendent Darryl Kilbert said standardized test scores and graduation rates are rising because of instruction in small groups, concern for each student and help from math and reading coaches. In the state-run Recovery School District, Superintendent Paul Vallas said students are learning more because of longer school days and academic years.

Last school year, more New Orleans public school students — 60 percent of fourth-graders and 48 percent of eighth-graders — passed the state's grade promotion test than in prior years. But school leaders say further improvement is needed. •



## BY THE NUMBERS

	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Schools:</b>	80	88
<b>Students:</b>	32,149	35,955
<b>Teachers:</b>	2,482	2,414

Source: CityBusiness staff research



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St. Rose Elementary teacher Cheney Murray talks about writing ideas with second-grader Keva Peters.

# RIVER PARISHES

School districts in midst of expansions, upgrades thanks to taxpayer-approved funds

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## BY THE NUMBERS

### ST. JOHN PARISH

	2007-08	2008-09
Schools:	12	13
Students:	6,581	6,415
Teachers:	584	595

### ST. JAMES PARISH\*

	2007-08	2008-09
Schools:	10	10
Students:	3,900-4,000	3,900-4,000
Teachers:	350	350

### ST. CHARLES PARISH

	2007-08	2008-09
Schools:	17	18
Students:	9,602	9,682
Teachers:	814	822

Source: CityBusiness staff research. \*Estimate.

Even as the economy has cut into budgets throughout the area, school systems in the River Parishes are moving forward with multiple construction and renovation projects.

The results of a \$46 million school capital improvement program voters approved in 2008 will soon be on display as renovation and new construction work begins throughout the St. John Parish school system.

"These are projects that have been long in the making," said St. John Schools Superintendent Courtney Millet.

The system's 10-year improvement program includes a new two-story classroom at West St. John Elementary School, repairs to the Garyville/Mount Airy Math and Science Magnet School and new running tracks at East and West St. John high schools.

"This is work that absolutely has to be done in order to accommodate the needs of our students," Millet said.

But the new buildings and renovations are just part of a larger parishwide upgrade Millet hopes will make the St. John school system more up to date as well as fiscally healthy.

"My most important goal is to save money by reducing our overall budget," Millet said.

The central office reform and reorganization plan she has proposed will eliminate a number of what she describes as "high-paying, high-end jobs." She esti-

mates streamlining the administration could save up to \$300,000.

"It has not been well received so far by the school board, but I am going to keep trying because I think it is important that we be as fiscally responsible as possible," she said.

Fiscal issues also are on the mind of St. James Superintendent Lonnie Luce as the system builds a new gym at Lucher High School, a cafeteria at St. James High School and classrooms at Vacherie Elementary School.

Paid for with a \$15.9 million bond issue voters approved three years ago, the construction work comes at a time when many parish school systems are finding it increasingly difficult to get significant state support. The state's "hold-harmless" policy gives less money to districts with high property and business value on the principle they generate more money than less affluent parishes.

"Because we are regarded as a wealthy parish, we have been losing funding from out of Baton Rouge," Luce said. "This has very much made things more difficult for us."

Even so, Luce believes St. James' increasingly robust business and economic climate ultimately may be more important to the fiscal fortunes of the parish school system than the loss of state money. Recent big commercial boosts for the parish include Faustina

Hydrogen Products' plan to build a \$1.6 billion plant and a joint contract between Cargill and Sugar Growers and Refiners Inc. for a \$100 million refinery.

"Obviously economic development in St. James is very much on the increase, and that is good for everyone here, including our schools," he said.

Similar challenges are being faced in St. Charles Parish, where with a 4.9-mill property tax for school building maintenance and construction was passed in 2007. Work is taking place at Hahnville High School and all of the system's elementary schools, and there are plans for an expanded physical education facility at Destrehan High School.

"I like to call these improvements enhancements," Superintendent Rodney Lafon said. "Our board has been involved with a long range physical education facilities plan."

Stadiums at Hahnville and Destrehan high schools were revamped last year, with synthetic turf added to the fields and wider aluminum seats added to the bleachers.

"By the 2010-11 school year, the total number of schools in the parish will be the same as it is today," Lafon said. "But there will be added wings to facilities that already exist, with possibly some new gymnasiums also up and running."•



PHOTO BY TOMMY SANTORA

A \$28 million skywalk over Judge Perez Drive will connect Chalmette High School and a new ninth grade academy starting this fall.

# ST. BERNARD PARISH

## Road to recovery continues as new facilities come online

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Doris Voitier doesn't mind wearing a hardhat.

While some view workplace construction projects as inconvenient, the St. Bernard school superintendent welcomes heavy equipment and the sounds of building as signs of a system's recovery in progress.

Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters and winds damaged all 15 St. Bernard Parish public schools. Three months after the storm, Voitier and her team rushed to open a temporary St. Bernard Unified School, comprised of pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Four years later, the system has reopened eight of the original 15 schools. Over the next two years, about \$100 million will be spent on four new buildings, including a \$28 million ninth-grade academy connected via skywalk over Judge Perez Drive to Chalmette High School.

A \$29 million cultural arts center will be built next to the ninth grade academy, equipped with a public library, coffee shop, dance studio and arts theater.

The system is also spending \$36 mil-

lion on new elementary schools in Arabi and Chalmette.

Voitier said in addition to Federal Emergency Management Agency money and community development block grants, the system has received about \$7 million in private donations for the systems reconstruction.

But St. Bernard's school budget remains tight because of a reduction in money from the state's Minimum Foundation Program. The MFP gives money to school systems based on factors such as enrollment. Because the system has about 60 percent of its pre-Katrina student count, the parish's allotment has dropped from \$29 million to \$18 million.

Also draining the system's resources is a 58 percent increase in retirement insurance costs, from \$3.8 million to \$6 million, from 200 teachers leaving the system since the storm.

"It means we're putting 33 percent of our funds in retired teachers' health insurance ... before we can pay to put a book in a kid's hands," Voitier said. "That will cripple us in

### BY THE NUMBERS

	2007-08	2008-09
Schools:	8	8
Students:	4,300	4,800
Teachers:	420	430

Source: CityBusiness staff research

the long term."

But the work continues.

Starting next year, Andrew Jackson, currently an elementary school with 1,100 pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students, will become a middle school. Arabi and Chalmette elementary schools will divide the Andrew Jackson students.

By the fall of 2010, St. Bernard will have 10 schools open, including five elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school and one alternative school for its 4,800 students. The parish had about 8,800 before students the storm.

"We have made a tremendous and memorable journey," Voitier said. "We are building state-of-the-art structures with the latest technology and many academic and extracurricular opportunities available to our students. It is all very rewarding."

The Chalmette High School Lacoste Campus for ninth-grade students will be ready in the fall, Voitier said. Chalmette High, which has 1,200 students, will connect to the new campus via a skywalk. About 320 students will take classes at the new campus, which will include a gym, wrestling arena and swimming pool. The three-story building will be equipped with science and computer labs. Classrooms will be located on separate floors with an initial 20-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio.

"Ninth grade is a crucial point in our students' lives, and it's the most likely point when a student decides to drop out of school or not," Chalmette High Principal Wayne Warner said. "The smaller the class sizes, the more teachers can work individually with them, and the more extracurricular opportunities available to our kids will give them a sense of meaning in their lives even when not in the classroom.

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# ST. TAMMANY PARISH

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Third graders Kallysta Morley, left, and Tajsha Cooper, sort through tiles during camp at Pine View 21st Century Middle School.

**By Garry Boulard**  
Contributing Writer  
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The St. Tammany Parish Public School System, which has seen a continual rise in enrollment during the past three years, is growing into parts of the parish once sparsely populated and quiet.

“Our most significant growth during the last four years has been north of (Interstate) 12 in the more rural areas where we have

had more space available,” Superintendent Gayle Sloan said.

That growth reflects overall parish demographic trends. According to the Census Bureau, St. Tammany’s population jumped from 191,000 in 2000 to

### BY THE NUMBERS

	2007-08	2008-09
Schools:	53	54
Students:	35,523	35,896
Teachers:	2,603	2,617

Source: CityBusiness staff research

See **ST. TAMMANY**, page 14

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nearly 230,000 last year.

“That was unbelievable growth back then,” Sloan said. “We grew at a rate of about 1,000 students a year.”

Today the pace is down to a about 350 new students a year, contributing to an overall parish enrollment last year of just less than 36,000.

Yet, that growth has come as St. Tammany Parish feels the effects of the national recession, said John Lamarque, St. Tammany Parish School Board president.

“Our resources are down from what they have been in the past,” Lamarque said. “And that is a direct result of the downturn in the economy.”

That means a board Lamarque described as being fiscally conservative will have to be even more so in the coming year.

“We have been lucky in that the voters here have valued the public school system and supported it in the past. We have not had any kind of a tax increase in the past 15 years. Any new construction has come from the same millage we had in existence back then.”

Within those parameters and through bonds issued in 2004 and 2008, the system is completing two new schools — Marigny Elementary and Lakeshore High. They will

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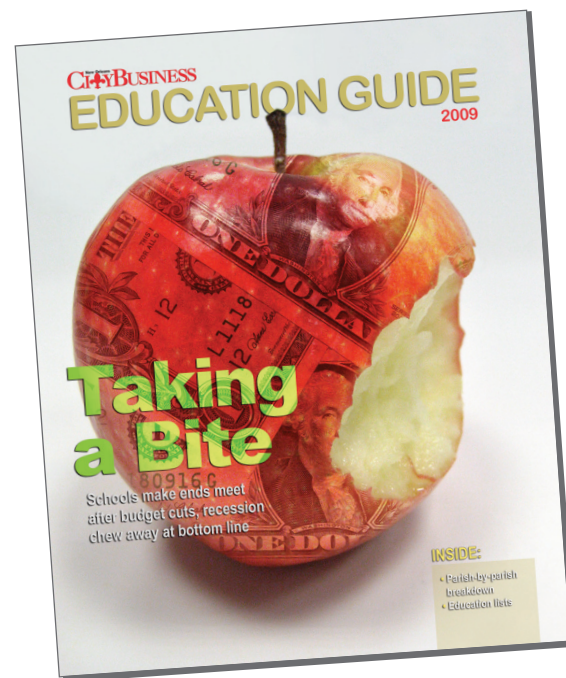


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St. Tammany Parish Public School Superintendent Gayle Sloan works with Brianna Buras during camp at Pine View 21st Century Middle School.



Teacher Amanda Pritchard explains a game to campers at Pine View 21st Century Middle School.

give the system 56 campuses.

St. Tammany voters also passed a \$15 million bond issue in 2008 to upgrade technological access and services at parish schools.

“So right now we have the nucleus of funding that we need for the next three years or so to really ramp up technology in our schools,” Sloan said.

Trying to gauge enrollment needs that may not be completely clear until this fall, the system also is contemplating adding to its roster of almost 3,000 teachers.

“We’re playing things close to the vest, watching our money closely as we wait to see how many more students we end up with and what parts of the parish they come from before we make any decision as to hiring additional teachers,” Sloan said.

Lamarque said parish residents have always supported the system, meaning the board must manage the growth and work on renewing bonds to avoid the need for new taxes.

“We want to maintain the good relationship we have with the voters here who support us,” Sloan said. “So while we are always moving forward, in more fiscally uncertain time, we do so carefully.”•

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# Private Elementary Schools

(ranked by average 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>Isidore Newman School</b> 1903 Jefferson Ave. New Orleans 70115	899-5641 896-8597	\$16,585 varies	626 87	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	\$14,905 varies	460 65	Pre-K through 12	varies by grade and subject	nondenominational coed	1929	Carolyn Chandler head of school
<b>St. Martin's Episcopal School</b> 225 Green Acres Metairie 70003	736-9917 736-8802	\$14,800 varies	401 53	12 months through 12	16	Episcopal coed	1947	Jeffrey P. Beedy headmaster
<b>Louise S. McGehee School</b> 2343 Prytania St. New Orleans 70130	561-1224 525-7910	\$14,700 \$615-\$980	335 58	Pre-K through 12	13	nondenominational all female	1912	Eileen F. Powers headmistress
<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	Rev. Michael C. Kuhn headmaster
<b>St. George's Episcopal School</b> 923 Napoleon Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-5509 895-1225	\$13,480 varies	300 60	nursery through 8	12	Episcopal coed	1969	Rob Eichberger headmaster
<b>Academy of the Sacred Heart</b> 4521 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-1943 891-9939	\$11,500 \$435 student fee, parents club dues, and the technology fee	496 62	Pre-school through 12 with an early learning program for toddler and nursery students	16	Catholic all female	1887	Timothy Burns headmaster
<b>St. Paul's Episcopal School</b> 6249 Canal Blvd. New Orleans 70124	488-1319 304-8315	\$11,025 \$1,450	175 24	Pre-K 2 through 8	17	Episcopal and independent coed	1961	Merry Sorrells head of school
<b>St. Andrew's Episcopal School</b> 8012 Oak St. New Orleans 70118	861-3743 861-3973	\$9,990 \$250-\$575	150 27	Pre-K through 8	15	Episcopal coed	1957	Merrill S. Hall head of school
<b>Stuart Hall School for Boys</b> 2032 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	861-1954 861-5389	\$7,890 varies	333 38	nursery through 7	18	Catholic and independent all boys	1984	Kevin Avin head of school

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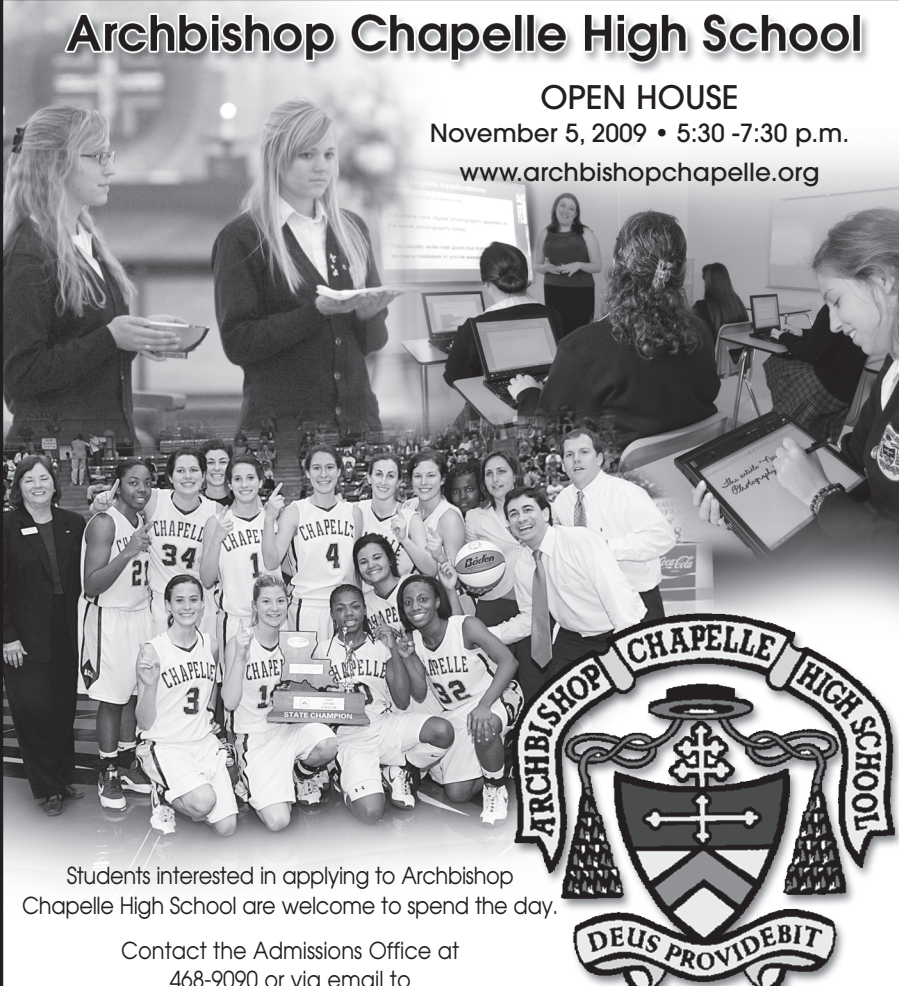
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School Address	Phone Fax	Average tuition Fees	Enrollment grades Pre-K to 8 Faculty grades Pre-K to 8	Grades taught	Average class size	Affiliation Student mix	Year founded	Top administrator Title
<b>Ecole Bilingue de la Nouvelle-Orléans</b> 821 General Pershing St. New Orleans 70115	896-4500 896-9610	\$7,875 \$1,000	97 14	Pre-K through 5	16	French Department of Education coed	1998	Cissy Rowley director
<b>Ursuline Academy Elementary School</b> 2635 State St. New Orleans 70118	861-9150 861-9159	\$7,050 varies	395 35	toddler-2 through 12	varies	Catholic all female	1727	Gretchen Z. Kane president
<b>Kehoe-France</b> 720 Elise Ave. Metairie 70003	733-0472 733-0477	\$6,600 books/activities \$500-\$1,000	675 65	18 months through 8	22	nondenominational 50/50	1949	Kyle M. France president
<b>New Orleans Jewish Day School</b> 3747 W. Esplanade Ave. Metairie 70002	887-4091 780-5639	\$6,200 all inclusive	42 7	Pre-K through 5	7	Jewish coed	1996	Gwynne Bowman head of school
<b>Holy Cross School</b> 5500 Paris Ave. New Orleans 70122	942-3100 286-5665	\$6,190 varies	630 53	5 through 12	25	Catholic all male	1849	Charles DiGange headmaster
<b>Arden Cahill Academy</b> 3101 Wall Blvd. Gretna 70056	392-0902 392-3813	\$6,100 \$450	550 45	nursery through 8	16	none nondiscriminatory	1968	Arden Cahill headmistress
<b>Waldorf School of New Orleans</b> 517 Soraparu, Suite 101 New Orleans 70130	525-2420 525-3223	\$6,000 \$585 + enrollment deposit	42 5	Pre-K through 6	10	nondenominational coed	2000	Amber Rosean administrative coordinator
<b>Christian Brothers School</b> 8 Friederichs Ave. New Orleans 70124	486-6770 486-1053	\$5,700 \$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	\$5,250 \$465	500 43	Pre-K 4 through 7	20	Catholic coed	1891	Courtney Wolbrette principal
<b>Northlake Christian School</b> 70104 Wolverine Drive Covington 70433	(985) 635-0400 (985) 893-4363	\$5,200 \$610	616 70	Pre-K through 12 (890 total)	20	nondenominational coed	1978	Rev. L. Joe Shorter head of school

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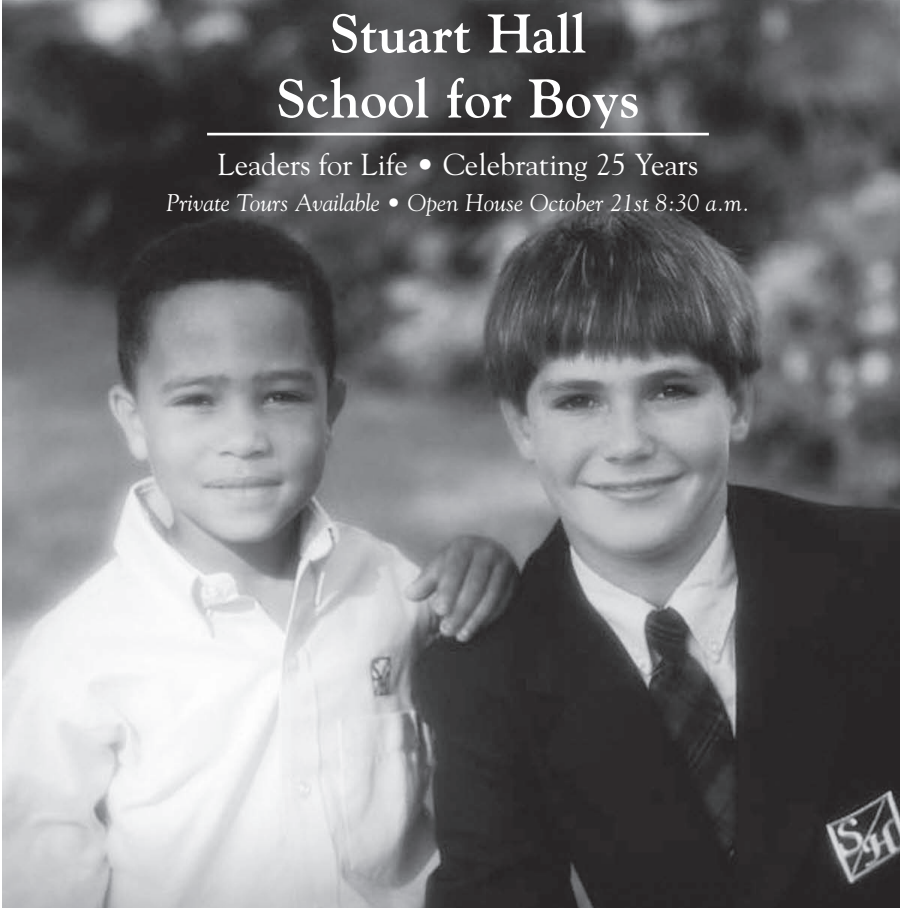
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<b>Ridgewood Preparatory School</b> 201 Pasadena Ave. Metairie 70001	835-2545 837-1864	\$4,850 \$300 application fee, \$400 general fee	175 13	Pre-K through 12	15	nondenominational coed	1948	M.J. Montgomery Jr. headmaster
<b>St. Mary's Academy</b> 6905 Chef Menteur Blvd. New Orleans 70126	245-0200 245-0422	\$4,500 \$600	200 26	Pre-K through 8	15	Catholic 95 percent black	1867	Sister Jennie Jones principal
<b>Atonement Lutheran School</b> 6500 Riverside Drive Metairie 70003	887-0225 887-0225	\$4,400 NA	232 16	Pre-K 3 through 8	27	Lutheran coed	1960	Douglas C. Molin 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 12	18	nondenominational coed	1956	Sal J. Federico headmaster
<b>John Curtis Christian School</b> 10931 Jefferson Highway River Ridge 70123	737-0208 739-2344	\$4,400 \$400 registration	328 19	Pre-K through 12	23	nondenominational coed	1962	J.T. Curtis and Debbie Eutsler acting headmaster/ principal
<b>St. Pius X School</b> 6600 Spanish Fort Blvd. New Orleans 70124	282-2811 282-3043	\$4,200 \$165 (in parish) \$465 (out of parish)	344 27	Pre-K 3 through 7	17	Catholic coed	1953	Pamela W. Fulham principal
<b>St. John Lutheran School</b> 3937 Canal Street New Orleans 70119	488-6641 482-2101	\$4,000 400	50 5	Pre-K through 3	12	Lutheran Church Missouri Synod coed	1854	Bethany Gonski principal and head administrator
<b>Life of Christ Christian Academy</b> 1851 N. Dorgenois St. New Orleans 70119	945-5778 945-5778	\$4,000 500	35 6	Pre-K through 12	10	nondenominational coed/predominately black	1997	Cheryl Leufroy Filot principal and president
<b>St. Edward the Confessor School</b> 4901 W. Metairie Ave. Metairie 70001	888-6353 456-0960	\$4,000 \$465	549 25	Pre-K 3 through 8	28	Catholic coed	1965	Sister Mary de Lourdes principal
<b>St. Angela Merici</b> 835 Melody Drive Metairie 70002	835-8491 835-4463	\$3,900 \$165 in parish and/or \$300 out of parish	460 32	Pre-K 3 through 7	25	Catholic coed	1965	Colleen Remont principal
<b>St. Philip Neri Catholic School</b> 6600 Keweenaw Ave. Metairie 70003	887-5600 456-6857	\$3,800 \$165	700 55	Pre-K 2 through 7	28	Catholic Caucasian, black, Asian, Hispanic	1961	Carol S. Stack principal
<b>Our Lady of Divine Providence School</b> 617 N. Atlanta St. Metairie 70003	466-0591 466-0671	\$3,800 \$165 registration fee for first child, \$150 registration fee for each other child	400 28	Pre-K 3 through 8	2,024	catholic coed	1967	Elvina DiBartolo principal
<b>St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School</b> 6421 W. Metairie Ave. Metairie 70003	733-1433 736-0727	\$3,690 \$165	490 45	Pre-K through 8	26	catholic coed	1954	Bonnie Gaspard principal
<b>St. Paul Lutheran School</b> 2624 Burgundy St. New Orleans 70117	947-1773 945-3743	\$3,650 \$500	175 11	Pre-K through 8	18	Lutheran multicultural	1840	Chuck Schiller administrator
<b>Cathedral Academy</b> 820 Dauphine St. New Orleans 70116	525-3860 525-3193	\$3,650 \$165 registration fee; \$20 paper fee	173 16	Pre-K 4 through 7	20	Catholic coed	1915	Sister Mary Andrew Hession, O.P. principal
<b>Faith Lutheran</b> 300 Colonial Club Drive Harahan 70123	737-9554 737-9599	\$3,575 application fee \$175 per child	91 10	Pre-K 3 through 8	9	Lutheran coed	1958	Diane Oestriecher principal
<b>St. Cletus Catholic School</b> 3610 Claire Ave. Gretna 70053	366-3538 366-0011	\$3,542 \$140 registration and \$300 church support	540 30	Pre-K 4 through 8	30	Catholic coed	1978	Mary Margaret Hitt principal
<b>St. Andrew the Apostle</b> 3131 Eton St. New Orleans 70131	394-4171 391-3627	\$3,505 \$170 registration fee	770 60	Pre-K through 8	28	Catholic coed	1953	Nancy Hernandez principal
<b>St. Ann School</b> 4921 Meadowdale St. Metairie 70006	455-8383 455-9572	\$3,450 varies	881 74	EC3 through 7	25	Catholic coed	1972	Susan R. Kropog principal
<b>Bishop McManus Academy</b> 13123 I-10 Service Road New Orleans 70128	246-5121 246-5564	\$3,400 \$250 registration	100 8	Pre-K 2 through 12	18	Christian 15 percent white, 5 percent Hispanic, 20 percent Asian, 60 percent black	1975	Tammy McManus administrator
<b>St. Stephen Catholic, Central School Consortium</b> 1027 Napoleon Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-1927 891-1928	\$3,400 \$165	250 22	Pre-K 3 through 8	22	Catholic coed	1852	Peggy LeBlanc principal

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# Private Elementary Schools

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<b>St. Joan of Arc Catholic School</b> 919 Cambonne St. New Orleans 70118	861-2887 866-9588	\$3,300 \$75	283 21	Pre-K 4 through 8	23	Catholic black	1893	Dionne Frost 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>Calvary Baptist School</b> 2401 General DeGaulle Drive New Orleans 70114	367-6465 367-6632	\$3,200 \$645	164 12	Pre-K 3 through 8	18	Baptist coed	1984	Bernice Davis principal
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help School</b> 531 William Blvd. Kenner 70062	464-0531 464-0725	\$3,200 \$165 registration fee	236 16	Pre-K 3 through 8	22	Catholic coed	1928	Sister Julie Glaeser principal
<b>Our Lady of Prompt Succor</b> 2305 Fenelon St. Chalmette 70043	271-2953 271-1490	\$3,150 \$165	425 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 black	1924	Sister Annette Baxley principal

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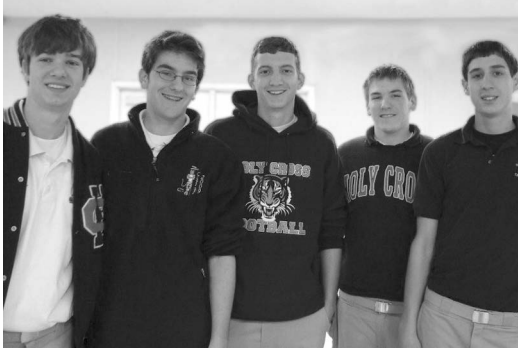
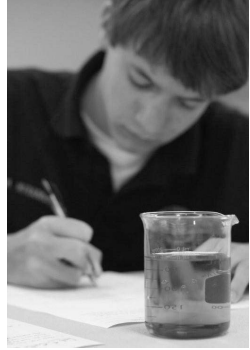
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<b>Isidore Newman School</b> 1903 Jefferson Ave. New Orleans 70115	899-5641 896-8597	\$17,588 WND	415 68	Pre-K through 12	17	nondenominational coed	52 percent 100 percent	1903	T.J. Locke head of school
<b>St. Martin's Episcopal School</b> 225 Green Acres Road Metairie 70003	733-0353 736-8801	\$16,500 \$1,000	273 30	Pre-K through 12	18	Episcopal coed	64 percent 100 percent	1947	Jeffrey P. Beedy headmaster
<b>Louise S. McGehee School</b> 2343 Prytania St. New Orleans 70130	561-1224 525-7910	\$15,900 \$625	148 30	Pre-K through 12	15	nondenominational all female	78 percent 100 percent	1912	Eileen Powers headmistress
<b>Metairie Park Country Day School</b> 300 Park Road Metairie 70005	837-5204 837-0015	\$15,615 varies	251 55	Pre-K through 12	varies by course	nondenominational coed	WND 100 percent	1929	Carolyn Chandler head of school
<b>Academy of the Sacred Heart</b> 4521 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-1943 891-9939	\$12,650 \$707-\$795 depending on grade	267 39	Pre-school through 12	16	Catholic all female	80 percent 100 percent	1887	Timothy M. Burns headmaster
<b>De La Salle</b> 5300 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115	895-5717 891-1795	\$7,225 \$1,195	475 34	8 through 12	22	Catholic 55 percent male; 45 percent female	70 percent 96 percent	1949	Kenneth Tedesco president
<b>Ursuline Academy High School</b> 2635 State St. New Orleans 70118	861-9150 861-7392	\$7,050 varies	418 41	toddler-2 through 12	22	Catholic all female	WND 100 percent	1727	Gretchen Z. Kane president
<b>Brother Martin High School</b> 4401 Elysian Fields Ave. New Orleans 70122	283-1561 286-8462	\$6,970 \$350	1,210 97	8 through 12	24	Catholic male	75 percent 99 percent	1869	Greg Rando principal
<b>Jesuit High School</b> 4133 Banks St. New Orleans 70119	486-6631 483-3942	\$6,700 WND	1,325 108	8 through 12	25	Catholic 0.5% Native American, 4% black, 4% Asian, 5% Hispanic, 87% Caucasian	91 percent 99 percent	1847	Rev. Anthony McGinn president
<b>Holy Cross School</b> 5500 Paris Ave. New Orleans 70122	942-3100 286-5665	\$6,600 varies	498 42	5 through 12	25	Catholic male	75 percent 99 percent	1849	Charles DiGange headmaster
<b>Cabrini High School</b> 1400 Moss St. New Orleans 70117	482-1193 483-8671	\$6,500 \$500	468 50	8 through 12	20	Catholic all female	75 percent 99 percent	1959	Ardley Hanemann Jr. president
<b>St. Scholastica Academy</b> 122 South Massachusetts St. Covington 70433	(985) 892-2540 (985) 893-5256	\$6,225 \$400 registration fee	777 61	8 through 12	22	Archdiocese of New Orleans all female	95 percent 100 percent	1903	Mary Kathryn Villere principal
<b>St. Paul's School</b> 917 S. Jahncke Ave. Covington 70434	(985) 892-3200 (985) 892-4048	\$6,150 registration \$300; \$150 building renovation	850 70	8 through 12	25	Catholic all male	WND 99 percent	1911	Brother Raymond Bulliard principal
<b>Archbishop Chapelle High School</b> 8800 Veterans Memorial Blvd. Metairie 70003	467-3105 466-3191	\$6,050 \$950	980 77	8 through 12	23	Catholic all female	WND 99 percent	1962	Jane Ann Frosch president
<b>Archbishop Shaw High School</b> 1000 Barataria Blvd. Marrero 70072	340-6727 347-9883	\$6,000 \$850	624 46	8 through 12	25	Catholic male	92 percent 80 percent	1962	Father James McKenna director and president
<b>Northlake Christian School</b> 70104 Wolverine Drive Covington 70433	(985) 635-0400 (985) 893-2632	\$6,000 \$600	352 20	Pre-K through 12	18	nondenominational coed	90 percent 100 percent	1978	Rev. L. Joe Shorter head of school
<b>St. Mary's Dominican High School</b> 7701 Walmsey Ave. New Orleans 70125	865-9401 866-5958	\$5,720 varies	923 77	8 through 12	25	Catholic all female	WND 100 percent	1860	Cynthia A. Thomas president
<b>Archbishop Rummel High School</b> 1901 Severn Ave. Metairie 70001	834-5592 832-4016	\$5,670 \$300 registration; \$630 building	1,125 80	8 through 12	25	Catholic all male	80 percent 98 percent	1962	Michael J. Begg president
<b>Xavier University Preparatory</b> 5116 Magazine St. New Orleans 70115	899-6061 891-8766	\$5,670 \$800.00	308 28	7 through 12	20	Catholic WND	68 percent 95 percent	1915	Sister Eileen Sullivan president
<b>St. Mary's Academy</b> 6905 Chef Menteur Blvd. New Orleans 70126	245-0200 245-0422	\$5,600 \$800	500 50	8 through 12	20	Catholic 95 percent black	80 percent 95 percent	1867	Sister Jennie Jones principal

# Private Secondary Schools

(ranked by 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>Academy of Our Lady</b> 537 Avenue D Marrero 70072	341-6217 341-6229	\$5,500 \$785	630 50	8 through 12	24	Catholic all female	WND 98 percent	2007	Sister Maria Colombo principal
<b>Lutheran High</b> 3864 17th St. Metairie 70002	455-4062 455-4453	\$5,500 \$850	100 12	9 through 12	1,015	Lutheran WND	90 percent 90 percent	1970	Calvin Behrens principal
<b>Mount Carmel Academy</b> 7027 Milne Blvd. New Orleans 70124-2395	288-7626 288-7629	\$5,400 varies	1,175 111	8 through 12	17	Catholic all female	WND 100 percent	1896	Sister Camille Anne Campbell president and principal
<b>St. Augustine High School</b> 2600 A.P. Tureaud Ave. New Orleans 70119	944-2424 947-7712	\$5,350 \$900	697 60	7 through 12	25	Catholic all black males	80 percent 99 percent	1951	Rev. Joseph Doyle president
<b>John Curtis Christian School</b> 10125 Jefferson Highway River Ridge 70123	737-4621 739-2341	\$5,200 \$300 registration fee and \$100 activity fee	522 40	Pre-K through 12	20	nondenominational coed	85 percent 97 percent	1962	J.T. Curtis headmaster
<b>St. Charles Catholic High School</b> 100 Dominican Drive LaPlace 70068	(985) 652-3809 (985) 652-2609	\$5,100 \$750	428 36	8 through 12	26	Archdiocese of New Orleans coed	95 percent 90 percent	1948	Andrew Cupit principal
<b>Ecole Classique</b> 5236 Glendale St. Metairie 70006	887-3507 887-8140	\$4,900 \$250	220 21	2 Pre-K through 12	20	nondenominational 46 percent male and 54 percent female	90 percent 95 percent	1956	Sal Federico headmaster
<b>Bishop McManus Academy</b> 13123 I-10 Service Road New Orleans 70128	246-5121 246-5564	\$3,400 \$250 registration	75 5	Pre-K 2 through 12	18	Christian 15% white, 20% Asian, 5% Hispanic, 60% black	80 percent 95 percent	1975	Tammy McManus administrator

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# Charter schools in New Orleans

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<b>Lusher Charter School</b> 7315 Willow St. and 5624 Freret St. New Orleans 70115 and 70118	862-5110 and 304-3960 861-1839	1918 (chartered in 2005)	K through 12	1,475	high academics, arts, diversity	Kathy Hurstell Riedlinger CEO	Advocates for Arts Based Education Blaine LeCesne board president
<b>O. Perry Walker College and Career Preparatory High School</b> 2832 General Meyer Ave. New Orleans 70114	302-7170 309-2960	Established: 1973, chartered: 2005	9 through 12	828	college and career prep	Mary L. H. Laurie principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Mark McNamara; Glenn Orgeron; Donna St. Louis
<b>Edna Karr High School</b> 3332 Huntlee Drive New Orleans LA 70131	398-7115 398-7118	1964	9 through 12	824	college prep	John C. Hiser principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association ACSA School Board
<b>Warren Easton</b> 3019 Canal St. New Orleans 70119	324-7400 324-7946	originally 1913 - charter school founded 2006	9 through 12	800	college prep	Alexina A. Medley principal and CEO	Type 3-Conversion Warren Easton Charter Foundation
<b>Lafayette Academy</b> 2727 South Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	861-8370 861-8369	2006	Pre-K through 7	750	college prep	Mickey Landry head of school	Choice Foundation Choice Foundation
<b>James Singleton Charter School</b> 2220 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. New Orleans 70113	568-3466 569-3378	2000	Pre-K through 8	734	technology	Melrose D. Biagas principal	Dryades YMCA NA
<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 3 through 8	716	French school accredited by the French Government; Montessori School, an initiate member of the American Montessori Association; discipline-based arts programs (visual, theatre and music)	Janice A. Dupuy principal and CEO	French and Montessori Education Inc. Carlos Zervigon, chairman, Yvonne (Teddi) Locke, vice-chairman, Laura Watts, treasurer, Christina Brennan, secretary, Shawn Barney, Gladys Barrett-Merrick, Linda Blakley, Hon. Olivier Brochenin, Benjamin W. Comer, Dr. Corey Hebert, Allen Miller, Wynn Seeman, Robert D. Sloan, Rev. Cornelius Tilton

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<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Charter School</b> 1617 Caffin Ave. New Orleans 70117	940-2243 940-2276	1995/charter 2006	Pre-K through 12	633	math, science, technology	Doris Roche' Hicks CEO and principal	Friends of King Charter School Hilda W. Young, president
<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	628	creative arts and sciences	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>Alice M. Harte Charter School</b> 5300 Berkley Drive New Orleans 70131	302-7121 398-7013	chartered in 2005	K through 8	620	NA	Anna Faye Marciante principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Glenn Orgeron; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Charles Rice; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis
<b>Benjamin Franklin High School</b> 2001 Leon C. Simon Drive New Orleans 70122	286-2600 286-2642	1957	9 through 12	560	NA	Timothy G. Rusnak principal and CEO	Advocates for Academic Excellence in Education Inc. Duris Holmes, president; Timothy Ryan; James Meza Jr.; Carl Indest; Joia Crear-Perry
<b>Dwight D. Eisenhower Academy of Global Studies</b> 3700 Tall Pines Drive New Orleans 70131	398-7125 398-7129	2005	Pre-K through 8	559	global studies	Monica Boudouin principal	Algiers Charter Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Glenn Orgeron; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis
<b>Einstein Charter</b> 5100 Cannes St. New Orleans 70129	324-7450 254-4121	2006	Pre-K through 8	519	math and science	Shawn L. Toronto interim principal	NOPS Nolan Marshall, president; Chuck Gasho, vice president; Ronald Carrere, treasurer, Christy Williams, secretary; Ramona Perkins, Margaret Nguyen, Andrea McNeil
<b>McDonogh 32 Literacy Charter School</b> 800 De Armas New Orleans 70114	302-7144 302-7183	chartered in 2006	Pre-K through 8	517	literacy	Lee C. Green principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Mark McNamara; Glenn Orgeron; Donna St. Louis
<b>McDonogh 42 Elementary Charter School</b> 1651 N. Tonti St. New Orleans 70119	942-3660 309-8031	2007	Pre-K through 8	511	New Orleans, southern regional culture, indigenous arts and instrumental music	Marion M. Johnson principal	Treme Charter School Association Roslyn J. Smith, president, Tracie Washington, vice president, Madonna Green, secretary, Bernard Roberson, treasurer, Carol McCree, Eddie Francis, Hester Cottles
<b>International School of Louisiana</b> 1400 Camp St. New Orleans 70130	654-1088 654-1086	2000	K through 8	502	language immersion	Sean Wilson Melanie Tennyson executive director and head of school principal	International School of Louisiana International School of Louisiana Board of Trustees
<b>Harriet R. Tubman Elementary</b> 2013 General Meyer Ave. New Orleans 70114	302-7160 363-2184	charter established in 2006	K through 8	500	NA	Jonathan Williams principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Cassandra Bookman, Donna St. Louis, Mark McNamara, Stephanie Bridges
<b>KIPP McDonogh 15</b> 721 St. Philip St. New Orleans 70116	566-1706 592-8515	2006	Pre-K through 8	470	college prep, creative arts	Jared Lamb Kyle Shaffer school leaders	KIPP New Orleans Schools KIPP New Orleans Schools
<b>Hynes Elementary</b> 3774 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans 70122	324-7160 948-1750	1952	gifted Pre-K and K-8	470	rigorous academic curriculum, French immersion track, gifted and talented classes for academics, theater and the arts	Michelle Bertram Douglas principal and CEO	Hynes Charter School Corp. Todd Schexnayder, president; Alvin Miester III, vice president; Elizabeth Uzee Sigler, secretary and treasurer; Timothy Ryan; James Meza; Darlene Morgan Brown; Barbara Richard
<b>Langston Hughes</b> 3519 Trafalgar St. New Orleans 70119	352-4633 910-3065	2007	K through 7	460	college prep	John Alford Mark Martin upper school principal lower school principal	Nola 180 NA
<b>Samuel J. Green Charter School</b> 2319 Valence St. New Orleans 70115	304-3532 896-4147	2005	K through 8	450	NA	Jay Altman CEO, director of schools	FirstLine Schools NA

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<b>Lake Forest Elementary Charter School</b> 12000 Hayne Blvd. New Orleans 70128	826-7140 248-7020	2006	K through 8	440	rigorous and accelerated college prep with culultural arts integration	Mardele Simmons Early CEO and principal	NA The Council for Quality Education
<b>William J. Fischer Accelerated Academy</b> 1801 Whitney Ave. New Orleans 70114	302-7111 363-1013	chartered in 2005	Pre-K through 8	430	accelerated instruction	Dahme Bolden principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Mark McNamara; Glenn Orgeron; Donna St. Louis
<b>Andrew H. Wilson Charter School</b> 1111 Milan St. New Orleans 70115	373-6274 891-1760	2007	K through 6	410	academic/ character education/ community	Sheila M. Thomas principal	Broadmoor Charter School Board Broodmoor Charter School Board
<b>Sophie B. Wright</b> 1426 Napoleon Ave. New Orleans 70115	304-3915 896-4095	1910	5 through 12	400	college prep secondary school with music and arts education	Sharon Latten Clark charter school director	Institute for Academic Excellence Rose Duhon Sells, board president
<b>Priestley School</b> 2009 Palmyra St. New Orleans 70112	324-7200 528-2105	June 14, 2006	9 through 12	400	NA	Michelle Biagas principal	Priestley School of Architecture and Construction Charter Board Christopher D'Amour, board president
<b>Abramson Science &amp; Tech Charter School</b> 5552 Read Blvd. New Orleans 70127	244-4416 240-7046	2007	K through 12	360	science and technology	Cuneyt Dokmen principal	Pelican Educational Foundation NA
<b>UNO/Medard Nelson Elementary</b> 3121 St. Bernard Ave. New Orleans 70119	943-1311 943-9824	2005	Pre-K through 8	359	NA	Edward Brown principal	Capital One-UNO Charter Network Patricia Adams, Kim Bondy, Hugh Hamilton, Carla Major, James Meza, Timothy P. Ryan, Robert Schmidt, Carol Skriloff
<b>Gentilly Terrace Elementary School</b> 4720 Painters St. New Orleans 70122	373-6240 284-5847	2007	Pre-K through 8	355	NA	Charlotte Burney-Tillman principal	Capital One-UNO Charter Network and Recovery School District Capital One-UNO Charter Network Board: Patricia Adams, Kim Bondy, Hugh Hamilton, Carla Major, James Meza, Timothy Ryan, Robert Schmidt, Carol Skriloff
<b>McDonogh City Park Academy</b> 2733 Esplanade Ave. New Orleans 70119	940-1740 940-1780	2006	K through 8	351	academic programs aligned to state standards, services geared to student needs	Christina Mitchell Christine F. Mitchell principal school leader	New Orleans Charter Schools Foundation Matthew Proctor, board chair
<b>UNO/Thurgood Marshall Early College High School</b> 4621 Canal St. New Orleans 70119	373-6297 484-3487	2005	9 through 12	350	NA	Michael E. Booker principal	Capital One-UNO Charter Network Patricia Adams, Kim Bondy, Hugh Hamilton, Carla Major, James Meza, Timothy Ryan, Robert Schmidt, Carol Skriloff
<b>N. O. Charter Science &amp; Math High School- the Catalyst for Your Future</b> 5625 Loyola Ave. New Orleans 70131	324-7061 309-4178	1992 (original 1/2 day school), Jan. 2006 (full day charter school)	9 through 12	346	laboratory-based education in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) robotics team; IC3 and Microsoft certification	Bridget Ramsey school director	New Orleans Public Schools The Advocates for Science and Mathematics Education
<b>UNO/Pierre Capdau Charter School</b> 3821 Franklin Ave. New Orleans 70122	872-9257 812-0393	2004	Pre-K through 8	344	NA	Heidi Sargent principal	Capital One-UNO Charter Network Patricia Adams, Kim Bondy, Hugh Hamilton, Carla Major, James Meza, Timothy Ryan, Robert Schmidt, Carol Skriloff

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<b>Esperanza Charter School</b> 4407 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70119	373-6272 NA	2007	K through 7	335	college prep	Melinda Martinez principal	Esperanza Charter School Association Martin Gutierrez
<b>KIPP Believe College Prep</b> 1607 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	304-8857 304-8862	2006	5 through 8 in 2009	260	college prep	Adam Meinig school leader	KIPP New Orleans Schools KIPP New Orleans Schools
<b>Algiers Technology Academy</b> 6501 Berkley Drive New Orleans 70131	302-7076 433-7986	2007	9 through 12	251	technology	Dr. Henderson Lewis Jr. principal	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Glenn Orgeron; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Charles Rice; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis
<b>Intercultural Charter School</b> 5075 Willow Brook Drive New Orleans 70129	662-0330 662-0019	2008	K through 5 (add a grade each year to reach 8th)	245	intercultural (world languages taught to all grades) and academic rigor	Peta Anne LeBlanc principal	The Intercultural School Board Inc. Alvaro Alcazar, board president
<b>Robert Russa Moton Charter</b> 6800 Chef Mentour Highway New Orleans 70126	245-4400 248-7300	2006	Pre-K through 6	243	year-round education, performing arts and technology	Paulette P. Bruno CEO	Advocates for Innovative Schools Inc. Lawrence Gulley, Victor Gordon, Frank Williams, Velta Simms, Barbara Major
<b>New Orleans City Free Academy</b> 3601 Camp St. New Orleans 70115	891-1353 891-6915	2006-07	K through 8	204	increasing basic skills/ cooperative learning	Rosemary Martin executive administrator	New Orleans Charter Schools Foundation M. Proctor (president), P. Talley, M. Bagot, C. Mayer, J. Nelson, M. Parker
<b>Miller McCoy Academy for Mathematics &amp; Business</b> 7301 Dwyer Road New Orleans 70126	373-6215 NA	2008	6 and 8	191	mathematics and business	Tiffany Hardrick principal	Miller McCoy Academy NA
<b>KIPP Central City Academy</b> 2625 Thalia St. New Orleans 70113	373-6290 302-9737	2007	5 through 7 in 2009	170	college prep	Todd Purvis school leader	KIPP New Orleans Schools KIPP New Orleans Schools
<b>New Orleans College Prep.</b> 3127 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. New Orleans 70125	373-6271 566-4958	2006	6 and 7	156	college prep	Natasha Baker principal	New Orleans College Preparatory Academies Hal Brown, Barbara Campbell MacPhee, Richard Conway, Peter Harding, Ruth Kullman, Murray Pitts, Monica Edwards
<b>Arthur Ashe Charter School</b> 3649 Laurel St. New Orleans 70115	897-5359 309-2064	NA	K through 1 and 4 through 7	151	college prep	Aqua Stovall principal	Firstline Schools Inc. Lawrence Kullman
<b>Akili Academy of New Orleans</b> 1700 Pratt Drive New Orleans 70122	355-4172 355-4177	2008	K through 1	120	college prep	Sean Gallagher executive director	Akili Academy of New Orleans NA
<b>Sojourner Truth Academy</b> P.O. Box 13294 New Orleans 70185	352-6330 218-7498	2008	9 through 12	103	leadership and college prep	Channa Cook principal and co- founder	NA Sojourner Truth Academy Board of Directors
<b>Crocker Arts and Technology School</b> 2300 General Taylor St. New Orleans 70115	338-6054 284-3309	mid-1960s	Pre-K through 3	102	college prep with arts and technology integration	Anna Charmaine Robertson principal	Advocacy for the Arts and Technology Inc. Grisela A. Jackson, president
<b>KIPP Central City Primary</b> 2625 Thalia St. New Orleans 70113	373-6290 302-9737	2008	K and 1st in 2009	95	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	274-3666 NA	2008	9 in 2008-09; 9 and 10 in 2009-10	85	college prep high school	Benjamin Marcovitz school director and principal	NA Advocates for Science and Mathematics Education

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# Four-year Louisiana colleges and universities

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<b>Louisiana State University</b> 156 Thomas Boyd Hall Baton Rouge 70803	28,194	Michael V. Martin chancellor www.lsu.edu	74 percent 79 percent	\$5,086 \$13,800	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	16,320	E. Joseph Savoie president www.louisiana.edu	76 percent 58 percent	\$3,402 \$9,580	environmental sciences, engineering, advanced computer science, business, nursing, architecture
<b>Southeastern Louisiana University</b> SLU P.O. Box 10752 Hammond 70402	15,224	John L. Crain president www.selu.edu	53 percent 62 percent	\$3,624 \$9,624	biological science, business, education, engineering technology, nursing and health sciences, global development, computer sciences, supply chain management, liberal arts
<b>University of New Orleans</b> 2000 Lakeshore Drive New Orleans 70148	11,428	Timothy Ryan chancellor www.uno.edu	58 percent 62 percent	\$3,488 \$10,884	hotel, restaurant and tourism administration; accounting; counselor education; teacher education; naval architecture and marine engineering; civil engineering; film; creative writing; urban planning and regional studies; jazz studies; environmental sciences; bioinformatics; conservation biology; pre-medical/pre-nursing
<b>Tulane University</b> 6823 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70118	11,157	Scott S. Cowen president www.tulane.edu	27 percent 81 percent	\$35,500 \$35,500	architecture, business, science and engineering, law, liberal arts, medicine, public health and tropical medicine, social work
<b>Louisiana Tech University</b> P.O. Box 3168 Ruston 71272	10,950	Dan Reneau president www.latech.edu	65 percent 65 percent	\$4,137 \$9,042	business, applied natural sciences, education, engineering and science, liberal arts
<b>Northwestern State University</b> 715 College Ave. Natchitoches 71497	9,111	Randall Webb president www.nsula.edu	64 percent 87 percent	\$3,614 \$9,692	nursing, education, psychology, hospitality management and tourism, electronic engineering technology, heritage resources
<b>University of Louisiana at Monroe</b> 700 University Ave. Monroe 71209	8,767	James E. Cofer president www.ulm.edu	76 percent 95 percent	\$2,400 \$8,352	pharmacy and health sciences, criminal justice, computer information systems, communicative disorders, toxicology, teacher education
<b>McNeese State University</b> 4205 Ryan St. Lake Charles 70609	8,343	Robert D. Hebert president www.mcneese.edu	75 percent 77 percent	\$3,422 \$9,488	education, nursing, business, engineering, liberal arts, sciences
<b>Southern University</b> P.O. Box 9901 Baton Rouge 70813	7,745	Kofi Lomotey www.subr.edu	66 percent 90 percent	\$3,906 \$9,698	nursing, engineering, urban forestry, science, business
<b>Nicholls State University</b> 901 E. First St. Thibodaux 70310	6,926	Stephen T. Hulbert president www.nicholls.edu	83 percent 72 percent	\$3,748 \$9,159	accounting and information systems, child, family and social services, culinary arts, geomatics, marine and environmental biology, nursing and allied health sciences, business, biological sciences, teacher education
<b>University of Phoenix, Louisiana Campus</b> One Galleria Blvd., Suite 725 Metairie 70001	5,560	Brent S. Lyons vice president and director www.phoenix.edu/louisiana	NA NA	\$8,280 \$8,280	business management, administration, criminal justice, information technology, nursing, education, accounting, health sciences, communication, psychology, human resource management
<b>Grambling State University</b> 403 Main St. Grambling 71245	5,253	Horace A. Judson president www.gram.edu	33 percent 78 percent	\$2,414 \$7,764	education, business, nursing, social work, liberal arts
<b>Loyola University New Orleans</b> 6363 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70118	4,634	Rev. Kevin Wm. Wildes president www.loyno.edu	63 percent 81 percent	\$28,770 \$28,770	communications (journalism, public relations, advertising), psychology, biology, forensic chemistry, international business, English writing, music industry studies, criminal justice, forensic chemistry, theatre arts, music, MBA
<b>LSU-Shreveport</b> One University Place Shreveport 71115	4,291	Vincent J. Marsala chancellor www.lsus.edu	82 percent NA	\$3,539.36 \$8,067.84	liberal arts, science, business, education
<b>Xavier University of Louisiana</b> 1 Drexel Drive New Orleans 70125	3,236	Norman C. Francis president www.xula.edu	66 percent 86 percent	\$15,000 \$15,000	sciences, pre-medicine program, college of pharmacy
<b>Southern University at New Orleans</b> 6400 Press Drive New Orleans 70126	3,015	Victor Ukpolo chancellor www.suno.edu	99 percent 96 percent	\$1,503 \$1,869	social work, criminal justice, education, natural sciences
<b>New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary</b> 3939 Gentilly Road New Orleans 70126	2,768	Charles Kelley president www.nobts.edu	99 percent 25 percent	\$3,500-\$4,200* NA	religious education, sacred music, theological and ministerial studies
<b>Our Lady of Holy Cross College</b> 4123 Woodland Drive New Orleans 70131	1,303	Rev. Anthony De Conciliis president www.olhcc.edu	42 percent 83 percent	\$7,440 \$7,440	nursing, education, counseling, business administration, biology, liberal arts, radiologic technology, respiratory care, psychology, theology

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(ranked by enrollment)

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<b>Louisiana College</b> 1140 College Drive, Box 583 Pineville 71359	1,096	Joe Aguiard president www.lacollege.edu	34 percent 98 percent	\$16,696.00 \$16,696	biology (pre-med), business, religion, athletic training
<b>Dillard University</b> 2601 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans 70122	851	Marvalene Hughes president www.dillard.edu	35 percent 94 percent	\$13,000 \$13,000	business, public health, nursing, educational and psychological studies, humanities, natural science, nursing, social sciences, teacher certification, urban studies, social welfare and criminal justice
<b>Centenary College</b> 2911 Centenary Blvd. Shreveport 71104	796	Ken Schwab president www.centenary.edu	92 percent 97 percent	\$20,940 NA	music, pre-med, pre-law, fine arts/performance, business, education, MBA, masters of education, communications
<b>William Carey University, Louisiana campus</b> 3939 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans 70126	210	Dr. Nadine James dean of nursing www.wmcarey.edu	NA NA	\$12,000 \$12,000	bachelor of science in nursing, bachelor of general studies
<b>Notre Dame Seminary</b> 2901 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	98	David Liberto academic dean José I. Lavastida president-rector www.nds.edu	19 percent 0 percent	\$15,709 NA	theology
<b>Concordia University</b> 3864 17th St. Metairie 70002	82	Charlene D. Mora director of the New Orleans Center www.cuw.edu/ neworleans	95 percent 76 percent	NA NA	associate, bachelor and master degrees
<b>Saint Joseph Seminary College</b> 75376 River Road St. Benedict 70435	80	Rev. Gregory Boquet president and rector www.sjasc.com	NA NA	NA NA	philosophy, theology, liberal arts

\*The annual tuition is for Southern Baptist students. NA=not available. Enrollment and tuition information is provided by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the colleges and universities themselves. Any additions or corrections should be sent on school letterhead to Research, New Orleans CityBusiness, 111 Veterans Blvd., Suite 1440, Metairie 70005

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(ranked by total enrollment in spring 2008)

Name Address	Total enrollment spring 2008 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	13,179	Ron Wright chancellor enroll@dcc.edu www.dcc.edu	100 percent 80 percent	1921	\$805 for 12-plus credit hours	allied health, nursing, technology, business, general studies, maritime, culinary, English as a second language, GED preparation
<b>Baton Rouge Community College</b> 201 Community College Drive Baton Rouge 70806	7,003	Myrtle E.B. Dorsey chancellor dorsey@mybrcc.edu www.mybrcc.edu	100 percent 31 percent	1995	\$927 tuition and fees for one semester	business, applied sciences, process technology, nursing, general science
<b>Bossier Parish Community College</b> 6220 E. Texas St. Bossier City 71111	4,778	Thomas Carleton chancellor carleton@bpcc.edu www.bpcc.edu	100 percent 75 percent	1967	\$924	work force training, allied health fields, general studies, culinary arts
<b>South Louisiana Community College</b> 320 Devalcourt St. Lafayette 70506	3,151	Jan Brobst chancellor jbrobst@southlouisiana.edu www.southlouisiana.edu	100 percent 43 percent	1997	\$968/semester (full-time)	criminal justice, general studies, care and development of young children, emergency medical technology-paramedics, general business, industrial technology, liberal arts
<b>Louisiana State University at Eunice</b> P.O. Box 1129 Eunice 70535	2,707	William J. Nunez chancellor myoung@lsue.edu www.lsue.edu	99 percent 70 percent	1967	\$1213.25 per semester, full time	business and technology, fire and emergency services, early childhood education, nursing and allied health, paralegal, science
<b>Southern University at Shreveport</b> 3050 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Shreveport 71107	2,100	Ray L. Belton chancellor lwinzer@susla.edu www.susla.edu	95 percent 98 percent	1964	\$1,159 per semester	allied health, behavioral sciences, business studies, humanities, science and technology
<b>Louisiana Delta Community College</b> 4014 LaSalle St. Monroe 71203	1,700	Luke P. Robins chancellor lrobins@ladelta.cc.la.us www.ladelta.cc.la.us	100 percent 70 percent	2001	\$1,000	liberal arts, general science, applied science business technology, childhood development, high school bridge program
<b>Nunez Community College</b> 3710 Paris Road Chalmette 70043	1,347	Thomas Warner chancellor twarner@nunez.edu www.nunez.edu	98 percent 80 percent	1992	\$874	practical nursing, early childhood education, culinary, industrial technology, process technology
<b>River Parishes Community College</b> P.O. Box 310 Sorrento 70778	1,109	Joe Ben Welch chancellor jwelch@rpcc.edu www.rpcc.edu	98 percent 60 percent	1997	\$782 for 12 credit hours	liberal arts, general studies, general science, teaching

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