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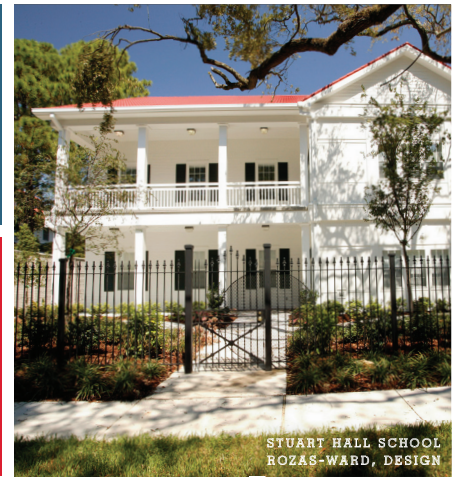
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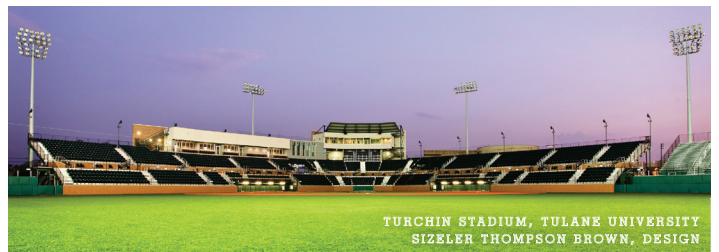
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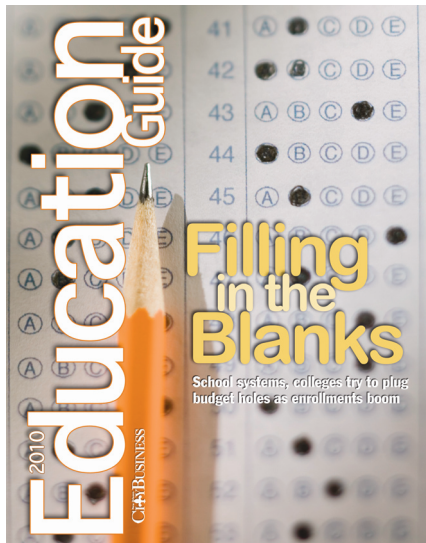


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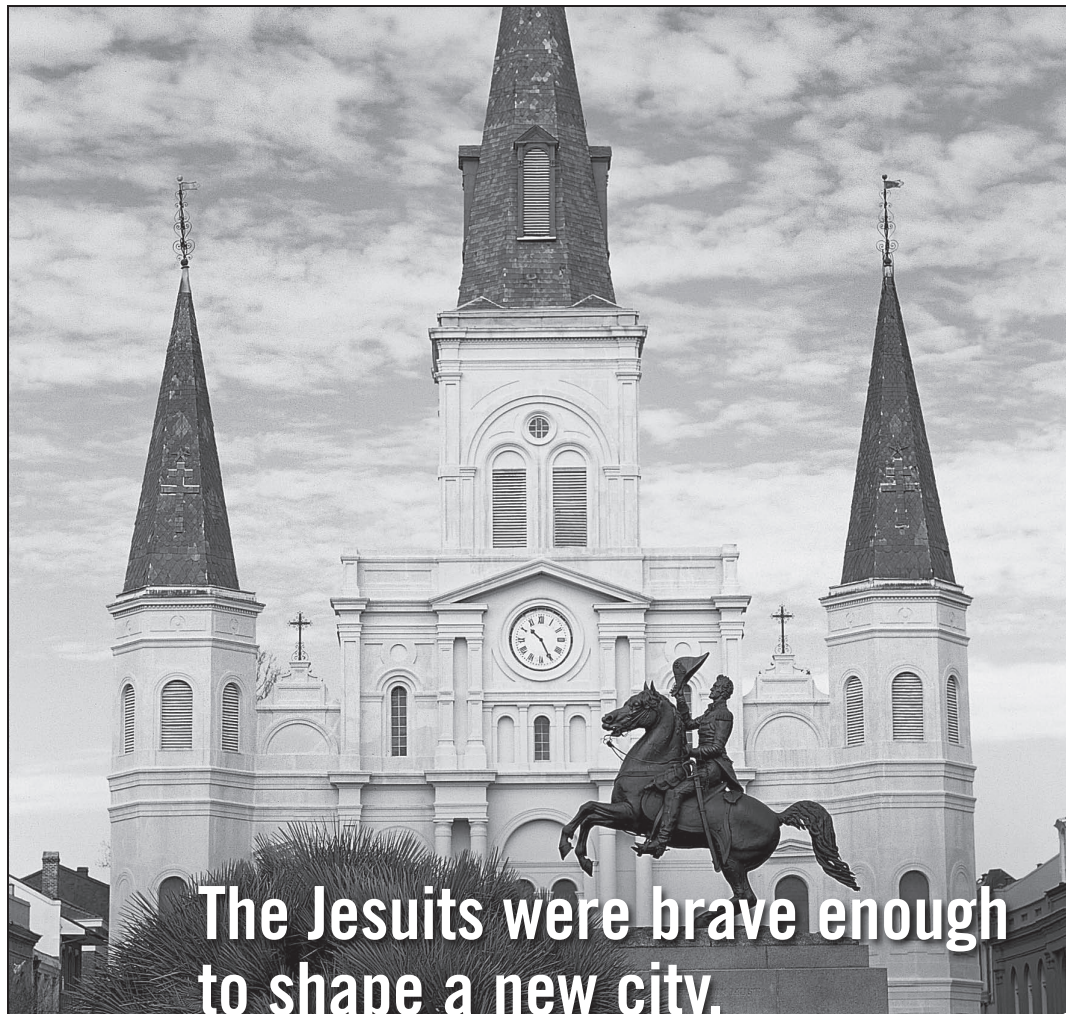
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introduction



School leaders on a mission as budgets shrink further

As the 2010-11 school year approaches, area school leaders are facing what's become an annual problem — how to stretch dollars as budgets continue to shrink.



Once again, cut-backs were most severe at the region's colleges and universities, which are learning how to do more with less as enrollment continues to creep upward and the state cuts funding.

The state's higher education streamlining commission has been issuing recommendations for months on how to rein in spending at these schools, and the outcome hasn't been pretty. Faculty and staff layoffs, dropping programs and tuition increases are just a few of the ways the campuses are trying to cope with the loss in funding.

Things aren't much better for area private and parochial schools, which report more families seeking financial assistance. They are also seeing slight enrollments declines because of tighter economic times and the more affordable option of improving public schools.

But what's bad news for tuition-based schools could be good news for the area's overall education community.



PHOTO BY FRANK ATMANI

Hendrix Weigel, front, and Julianna Holley study at Metairie Park Country Day School.

Charter schools continue to surge in popularity, number and enrollment, with 57 percent of students in New Orleans attending charters during the 2009-10 school year — the largest percentage of any school district in the nation.

That coupled with a surge in improvements on standardized tests in New Orleans Public Schools and at Recovery School District institutions shows the city's education network, among the worst in the nation before Hurricane Katrina, continues to improve.

Elsewhere, taxpayers have rallied to help schools in St. Tammany, St. James, St. John and St. Charles parishes by approving bonds and construction projects as the population grows outside of the metro area.

St. Bernard Parish continues to bounce back from near total devastation five years ago as more facilities come back online, with even more waiting to begin work.

Even though money is tight, it looks as if the 2010-11 school year will continue to build on the momentum that has been growing since Hurricane Katrina provided educators with a clean slate five years ago. •

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CHARTER SCHOOLS

Alternatives continue to take over education scene throughout area

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Charter schools continue to multiply in New Orleans and now exceed the number of traditional schools, as supporters tout heightened accountability, more flexibility and increased student achievement.

The most dramatic growth this year will take place in the Recovery School District, where 10 new charter schools will open. Four of those will be new schools, including KIPP Renaissance High and Lagniappe academies, while six traditional schools will convert to charter schools.

The RSD will operate 47 charter schools for the 2010-11 school year compared with 23 traditional schools in 2009-10. That represents a change from 37 charter schools and 33 traditional schools in 2009-10.

According to statistics published by the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 57 percent of students in New Orleans attend charter schools, the largest percentage of any district in the nation.

The RSD's performance score rose from 51.4 in 2008-09 to a 54 for the 2009-10 school year.

"One of the benefits of the charter school process is that our autonomy allows us to respond to needs more quickly,"

said Andrea Thomas-Reynolds, CEO of Algiers Charter Schools Association, which has more than 5,400 students and is the second-largest provider of public education in the city. "In traditional schools, you have more layers of bureaucracy, which often slows the decision-making process."

The ACSA operates six elementary and middle schools as well as three high schools. The system employs 800 employees, including 355 teachers.

"Another advantage of our system is the close collaboration among our teachers and staff," Thomas-Reynolds said. "Everyone has a vested interest in our students."

To encourage that atmosphere of cooperation, the ACSA hosted a symposium in May to allow educators at each school within the system to share their successes with other professionals.

Although a number of charter schools were created as a response to Hurricane Katrina, some schools had already converted.

Lusher Charter School went through the original charter process used by the state before the 2005 hurricane season, a procedure that involved community voting. Kathy Riedlinger,

CEO of Lusher Charter Schools, said 92 percent of teachers and 84 percent of parents voted to convert to a charter system.

"We were a strong school before the storm, and we've been able to add 400 more students since then," Riedlinger said.

Lusher had 1,550 students during the 2009-10 school year and expects 1,625 students this year. The system recently received approval to start two new kindergarten classes, which will grow into first- and second-grade classes to be held at the Jewish Community Center on St. Charles Avenue.

"The levels of accountability and responsibility are heightened at charter schools," Riedlinger said. "Compared with a traditional school principal, I am much more closely monitored in the areas of academic performance, finances and legal guidelines."

Along with greater supervision comes freedom to make decisions such as hiring and firing personnel.

"The charter school model offers schools the chance for more autonomy and freedom, but with that comes responsibility," Riedlinger said. "Overall, we're a stronger school because we've been given the freedom to apply our community's vision, which has translated into greater success for our students."•

BY THE NUMBERS

	2008-09	2009-10
Students	20,782	25,423
Schools	48	60

Source: CityBusiness staff research

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Campuses doing more with less as rosters grow, budgets shrink

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As a trained economist, Victor Ukpolo is seeing signs that the national recession may be lessening.

"I'm studying the key indicators," said Ukpolo, who is the chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans, "and some suggest that things are turning around."

But whether a turnaround will improve the financial outlook for SUNO is an unanswered question.

Ukpolo's sober assessment is influenced by recent trends. His school, primarily because of state funding cutbacks, has reduced expenditures in the past 18 months by some \$3.5 million.

"The state appropriations that we got going into this year were about \$15 million," Ukpolo said. "By the end of this year they will be down to around \$11 million."

In response, SUNO has frozen faculty hiring, reduced travel for faculty workshops and conferences, and even cut back on its use of utilities.

But such measures, Ukpolo maintains, can only accomplish so much.

Ironically, SUNO's budget woes come during a time of increased enrollment growth, with the total student population at just more than 3,600 during the spring semester of 2010, up from 2,648 during the same semester in 2009.

Delgado Community College and the University of New Orleans are recording similar spikes while also confronting the effects of a combined \$250 million funding cut at all of the state's public colleges and universities.

To make matters more complicated, higher education



PHOTO BY FRANK AYWAMI

Catina Fitzgerald prepares passion fruit semifreddo as part of Delgado Community College's culinary arts and hospitality program.

BY THE NUMBERS

Delgado Community College

	2008-09	2009-10
Enrollment*	14,450	17,200
Faculty	787	325
Staff	305	300

Dillard University

	2008-09	2009-10
Enrollment*	851	1,011
Faculty	132	92
Staff	232	200

Loyola University

	2008-09	2009-10
Enrollment*	4,634	4,910
Faculty	412	338
Staff	522	499

Our Lady of Holy Cross College

	2008-09	2009-10
Enrollment*	1,303	1,202
Faculty	154	140
Staff	42	40

Southern University at New Orleans

	2008-09	2009-10
Enrollment*	2,648	3,600
Faculty	154	105
Staff	199	280

Tulane University

	2008-09	2009-10
Enrollment*	11,157	11,911
Faculty	1,844	1,100
Staff	3,488	2,850

University of New Orleans

	2008-09	2009-10
Enrollment*	11,427	11,750
Faculty	622	523
Staff	1,104	785

Xavier University

	2008-09	2009-10
Enrollment*	3,236	3,000
Faculty	212	225
Staff	493	500

Source: CityBusiness staff research. *All enrollment figures represent spring semester.

throughout the state may lose up to \$290 million in 2011, according to published reports, once stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dries up.

"We're getting hit from several directions," said Ron Wright, the chancellor of Delgado Community College, where state funding this year dropped by more than \$6 million. "Our people didn't destroy the economy, but they are the ones being asked to pay the price for it. So we are trying to not lay anyone off, and in order to do that, we've given up every vacant position available to us."

With a spring 2010 semester enrollment of just more than 17,200 students — its highest in four years — Delgado is also confronted with a lack of classrooms on a campus dotted with structures destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has designated more than \$40 million for repairs and rebuilding.

"It's in the pipeline," Wright said. "Of course, it's a government pipeline, which means we don't know how long it is going to take to spill over to our campus."

FEMA money is also being spent at the University of New Orleans, particularly on the renovation of the school's university center.

But that positive development hardly offsets the nearly \$13 million in state support the university has lost in the past year and a half.

"We've actually had four separate budget cuts in 18 months," said Timothy Ryan, the chancellor of UNO, where last year's enrollment was at a four-year high of 11,750 during the spring semester. "We had three budget cuts along with one spending freeze, which is the same thing."

Those back-to-back cuts also make it difficult for UNO and others to plan for the future.

"If you know what your budget is going to be, even with significant cuts, then you can make the cuts you need to make," Ryan said. "But when you get a mid-year cut, when half of your money is already gone and you've made commitments in terms of faculty salaries, there is not much you can do."

Ryan said the school has responded to the cuts by letting vacant positions go unfilled. But he predicts that with the additional loss of stimulus money, UNO will be forced to eliminate additional programs while class sizes will increase.

"It's unfortunate," Ryan said, "because students do better with smaller class sizes. But we're at the point where we have no choice." •



PHOTO BY FRANK AYAMAMI

Fourth-grade science teacher Melissa Bourq dissects a fish with Lucille Cherbonnier Elementary students Vernay Waits, left, St. Clair Longmire, Casey Collins, Britnie Adams and Demisha Ragas.

JEFFERSON PARISH

Low test scores put programs that underperform on review

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Jefferson Parish public schools are struggling with budgets, growing pains and standardized-test scores, but the system has achieved success with several, high-performing academies, officials said. With 88 schools throughout the parish, the district is the largest in Greater New Orleans and second biggest in the state.

Superintendent Diane Roussel points to the challenges of reducing a \$30 million deficit and trying to provide quality education for all students. While the system has 152 board-certified teachers — the most in the state — officials are reducing the number of teaching positions for the 2010-11 school year.

Roussel said the system's efforts to educate students will not decline because of the budget deficit. But she added that academic programs that have failed to provide results will be discontinued.

"While we are moving in the right direction, we expect higher scores" on state tests and won't be satisfied until

results improve, she said. The system's standardized test scores lagged behind neighboring parishes this year.

On iLEAP and GEE tests in 2009-10, 60 percent of Jefferson Parish students scored at or above the basic state level compared with 80 percent of Orleans Parish School Board students and 78 percent of students in St. Tammany Parish. Fourth-graders and high school students in Jefferson posted gains in most categories, but eighth-grade scores stayed the same or declined.

Meanwhile, 70 percent of the district's fourth-graders were promoted to the next grade this year, while only 66 percent of eighth-graders passed compared with 68 percent a year ago.

But there are rays of hope in the test results, Roussel said, adding that the district improved in 20 out of 30 categories on the LEAP and GEE tests and met the state average in eighth-grade English language and math scores.

In Louisiana Department of Education ratings, the system's performance score increased in 2009 from 73.5 to

78.4, the district's biggest, one-year gain since those measurements began in 1999. The state bases school performance scores on standardized test results, attendance and graduation rates. The Jefferson district score of 78.4 on a scale of zero to 200 is below the state average, however, and the system ranks 64 out of 69 districts.

Challenges for the school district include addressing the needs of students from impoverished backgrounds, along with efforts to comply with the Dandridge desegregation order, Roussel said. The 2008 court ruling is intended to equalize services for students throughout the system and requires that teachers be evenly distributed by race, certification and post-graduate study.

The Jefferson Parish system has seven magnet schools for advanced studies, including three in East Jefferson and four on the West Bank. Three of the seven — Patrick Taylor, Haynes and Metairie academies — are rated as "Five Star," the best possible ranking from the U.S. Department of Education. •

BY THE NUMBERS

	2008-09	2009-10
Schools	86	88
Students	43,000	44,844
Teachers	3,300	3,494

Source: CityBusiness staff research



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Tylan Mason practices piano during music teacher Patricia Little's "Music and the Brain" class at Bethune Elementary.

ORLEANS PARISH

Test scores, enrollment improve in Orleans; RSD continues work

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Enrollment at New Orleans Public Schools is growing, and test scores continue to improve as new teaching methods are adopted and high-tech buildings open, officials said. But the number of schools is shrinking under a long-term plan.

The days of students sitting in neat rows staring at a blackboard are over, said NOPS Superintendent Darryl Kilbert.

Fresh approaches to public school education appear to have worked, with 80 percent of NOPS students scoring at the basic level or higher on last year's standardized tests, exceeding neighboring parishes. The board's four traditional schools, 12 charters and two prison-school programs include several academies with rigorous admission standards.

"In today's classrooms, young people work individually or collectively, and they do peer training," Kilbert said.

Teaching approaches are "multi-level" within a class, and "multi-sensory" classrooms are decked out with interactive Smart boards and other new gadgets. Schools contain "model classrooms" with digital and video cameras, scanners, graphing calculators and science probes, Kilbert said. Students log on to their school network and use e-mail, and parents follow their children's performances online.

The city's public schools were a medley of 88 charters and

direct-run schools in 2009-10, serving 38,000 students — operated by the Recovery School District, Orleans Public School Board and the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The RSD oversaw 70 schools, more than half of which were charters.

School Board President Woody Koppel said the district's 2009-10 budget was balanced, as an agreement was reached with the RSD in June to share "legacy costs" for retiree health care, worker-compensation claims and lawsuit defense.

In the new school year, the RSD will run 46 charters and 22 direct-run schools compared with 37 charters and 33 direct schools in 2009-10, said RSD spokeswoman Siona LaFrance. Six RSD direct-run schools, including Live Oak and Dibert elementaries, will be converted to charters, and four new charters, including Lagniappe Academies and KIPP Renaissance High, are slated to open.

The RSD led the state in standardized test-score improvement for the fourth straight year in 2009-10, as 58 percent of RSD fourth-graders taking the LEAP exam passed compared with 54 percent in 2009. Meanwhile, 50 percent of eighth-graders taking the test passed on the first round compared with 41 percent the year before.

"Although we still have a long way to go, we've seen the

kind of gains over the past three years that will close the achievement gap," said RSD Superintendent Paul Vallas. "My mission since I was called to New Orleans was to take these schools and create in them learning environments on par with what you would see in more affluent communities."

The RSD is trying to create "a sense of high expectations for our students," fostered by better classrooms, test scores and physical landscapes, Vallas said.

In the past year, the restored Joseph Craig School in Tremé, the rebuilt Andrew Wilson School in Broadmoor, the new Langston Hughes in Mid City and the new Greater Gentilly High all opened, while L.B. Landry will open in Algiers in August. Three of those schools are operated by the RSD and two are RSD charters.

Phase one of the \$1.8 billion School Facilities Master Plan for Orleans Parish, approved in 2008, called for the construction or renovation of 21 elementary and nine high schools over three years. The plan, which is the first for city-school facilities since 1994, also requires downsizing from pre-Katrina years. All new construction has met U.S. Green Building Council standards and is designed to withstand hurricane-strength winds and, to some extent, flooding, RSD spokesman Ken Jones said. •

BY THE NUMBERS

	2008-09	2009-10
Schools	88	88
Students	35,955	38,143
Teachers	2,414	2,800

Source: CityBusiness staff research

PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Tuition-based institutions feel heat from economy, public school options

By Ryan Chatelain
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It would be reasonable to assume that the strengthening of area public schools, through the addition of charter and magnet schools, is coming at the price of private and parochial schools.

Long considered a safe haven from poorly performing public schools, private schools have already lost some students to public schools because of the economic recession. But some private school leaders do not view improving public schools as unwanted competition.

"Honestly, we are cheering for the public schools of New Orleans," said Carolyn Chandler, head of Metairie Park Country Day School. "That makes all of us better. This is something that's so important to everyone who loves the city, and it's very important to us. Our program is so enriched here, and that attracts people."

The goal of all the schools is to improve the caliber and education for all students and give parents a choice, said Sister Kathleen Finnerty, superintendent of Archdiocese

BY THE NUMBERS

	2008-09	2009-10
Schools	86	85
Students	40,372	39,324
Voucher recipients	700	900
Teachers	3,000	3,258

Source: CityBusiness staff research

of New Orleans schools.

"What do the parents want? Education is the parents' choice. What is best for my child? What is best for my students? (If they) want a values-rich Catholic environment, then (they will) choose

the Catholic school, and (they will) work with the school if it will be possible."

Chandler and Finnerty said they didn't believe the economic downturn alone was having a significant impact on their enrollments. Finnerty pointed out that 900 students attended Catholic schools last year on vouchers.

Country Day, which has 689 students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, has gained students every year since Hurricane Katrina. The Archdiocese, which includes 85 Catholic schools in eight parishes, reported a modest decline from 40,372 to 39,324 this past academic year.

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school had just 90 students in 2009-10, down from 106 a year earlier.

“We find more and more students who are struggling to come up with the dollars to pay for tuition and the extras that go with high school because it’s usually more than just tuition,” Behrens said. “One of the things that we’re seeing already is that parents are slower in their re-enrollments than they have been in the past, and I’m sure it’s financial reasons.”

As a result, private schools are increasing their financial aid budgets. Finnerty said about twice as many students applied for assistance in 2009-10. Country Day surpassed the \$1 million mark in financial aid for the first time last year, and 21 percent of its students are receiving some level of assistance, Chandler said.

“We really love our families, and we want to get things to work. And sometimes they do, and sometimes they don’t,” Chandler said. “(But) I don’t want to present too much of a gilded picture. We’ve lost a few families because of finances.”

At Lutheran, which also is seeing more students apply for financial aid, the tuition dollars are either forgiven or paid for through private donations, another area that has taken a hit.

“People I could typically call on to help out here or there are very much worried about their retirement situations,” Behrens said. “And yes, it has to hurt donations a great deal.”

However, private school leaders remain optimistic. Mary Queen of Peace School in Mandeville has seen its enrollment more than double from pre-Katrina levels. And Behrens projects Lutheran’s enrollment will exceed 100 again in 2010-11. •

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Hahnville High student Samantha Young, a team member with the Students Teaching and Reaching program, reads to kindergarten students at George Washington Carver Early Learning Center in St. Charles Parish.

BY THE NUMBERS

St. John Parish		
	2008-09	2009-10
Schools	13	13
Students	6,415	6,239
Teachers	595	605

St. James Parish		
	2008-09	2009-10
Schools	10	10
Students	3,900-4,000	4,000
Teachers	350	450

St. Charles Parish		
	2008-09	2009-10
Schools	18	17
Students	9,682	9,602
Teachers	822	821

Source: CityBusiness staff research

RIVER PARISHES

School boards consider cutting vacant spots to fill budget holes

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Budget constraints are plaguing schools systems throughout the River Parishes, with some facing more dire situations than others.

The debate over how to balance its budget has grown particularly heated in St. John Parish, which has seen standing-room-only school board meetings this summer as it faces a \$3 million shortfall to its \$72.9 million general fund budget.

Attempting to avoid layoffs, Superintendent Courtney Millet unsuccessfully sought 3 percent across-the-board pay reductions. She then proposed eliminating 60 vacant positions and as many as 50 non-teaching jobs, a measure the board tabled, while the teachers' union has floated furloughs and spending cuts.

But the school board, which traditionally passes its budget by July 1 but has until Sept. 15 to do so, doesn't appear as though it will clear up matters until deep into the summer, leaving the fate of truant officers, nurses and maintenance workers in limbo.

Millet said she is adamant that teacher layoffs should be avoided.

"In St. John the Baptist Parish, we have been making sig-

nificant academic gains," she said. "As a district, we must work to control expenses in all areas across the district in ways that impact the classroom the least."

The financial hits for schools in St. Charles, St. John and St. James parishes, as well as throughout the state, have come from a number of directions, including fewer sales tax dollars and state budget cuts that are forcing school systems to pay more toward their employees' health care and retirement plans.

St. Charles Parish Superintendent Rodney Lafon said his schools are financially stable for 2010-11 because that parish's school board has structured its budget so that volatile revenue streams, such as sales tax collection, are tied to nonrecurring expenses such as capital projects rather than teachers' salaries.

"This board has done a good job of placing its money in a situation to where if we do have a rainy day, we can handle it," said Lafon, who doesn't expect any downsizing this year. "I want you to understand that we did have a rainy day. A lot of it has to do with the state making cuts."

St. Charles had a budget of about \$112 million in 2009-10, but will have about \$14.5 million less to spend this academic year. It will receive \$9 million less in sales tax revenue while pay-

ing \$4 million for retirements and \$1.5 million for health care.

St. James Parish also was facing a deficit of more than \$3 million but will cut that number in half by implementing early retirements and not filling vacant positions. The school system will dip into its cash reserves to cover the difference.

"We're very conscious of what needs to be done, and we look really hard if a teacher resigns or retires before we replace them," said Carol Webre, St. James' administrative director. "As the attrition happens, we take a serious look before we chose to replace. We've had some retirements in our central office, and we've been consolidating those responsibilities rather than replacing."

The state reduced St. John Parish's public school funding by \$4.6 million in 2009-10. State dollars account for 45 percent of the school system's budget.

School leaders throughout the River Parishes agreed that if their finances don't improve by 2011-12, they will have no choice but lay off teachers next summer.

"We didn't have to do that this year," Lafon said. "And depending on what happens next year, we shouldn't. But after that, we'll be on thin ice."•



St. Bernard Parish Public School Superintendent Doris Voitier checks on students Jenna Clesi, left, and Neava Hogan in Andrew Jackson Elementary School's computer lab.

ST. BERNARD PARISH

Test scores, enrollment still rising as Katrina recovery continues

By Thomas Leggett

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As the Gulf region reaches the five-year mark since the 2005 hurricane season, few public school districts can account for as much recovery and transformation as the St. Bernard Parish Public School System.

Faced with damage to every building five years ago, the system continues to improve and expand with two new elementary schools slated for the fall as well as a new multipurpose arts center at Chalmette High School.

"We're moving along very well," said Superintendent Doris Voitier. "All our buildings are new or renovated, and all offer state-of-the-art technology."

Every classroom in the St. Bernard Parish school system has a Promethean Board, a technological tool that allows teachers to integrate information and images from the Internet on a white board, an overhead projector and an audio/visual system. Each classroom also offers at least five individual computers, and installation of systemwide wireless Internet access is under way, Voitier said.

For the 2009-10 school year, Chalmette High School

opened a ninth-grade academy to 390 students across from the main campus that includes a three-story classroom building, gymnasium, Olympic-sized swimming pool, wrestling arena and fitness center.

The system plans to unveil another facility in December. The Chalmette High School Cultural Arts Center will include a 100-seat theater, instructional music rooms, two dance studios, a choral area with recording studio, a ninth-grade library, a public library branch and a coffee shop for students.

"The Cultural Arts Center will be open in the evenings and on weekends," Voitier said. "The whole thrust is to keep kids involved in positive activities near school."

In addition to improvements at the high school level, the system also plans to open two elementary schools that will divide the student body of Andrew Jackson Elementary. The student body of Trist Middle School will then split, with half the students moving to Andrew Jackson Elementary.

In assessing its ongoing recovery mission, the district also noted that student test scores last year exceeded pre-Katrina

scores, a sign of continued recovery and growth throughout the system.

During the 2004-05 school year, 71 percent of fourth-grade students scored at or above their level math compared with 78 percent last year.

One way the St. Bernard Parish system has improved high school performance is by targeting the ninth grade as a pivotal year for student development. The 360 freshmen are divided into three clusters of 120 students, who all take core classes on the same floor. Teachers within each cluster have the same planning period to share ideas about their mutual students.

"The result of this strategy has been a great retention rate," Voitier said. "Our mantra is: Failure is not an option."

For school system officials, providing a quality education for residents remains not only an internal mission, but also a key for the overall recovery of St. Bernard Parish.

"There is an abundance of affordable housing in St. Bernard, and we want to attract people by providing good schools for their children," Voitier said. •

BY THE NUMBERS

	2008-09	2009-10
Schools	8	8
Students	4,800	5,358
Teachers	430	448

Source: CityBusiness staff research

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

System thrives by maintaining transparency within community

By Garry Boulard
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Despite its status as one of the fastest-growing school systems in the state — with an equal pace of construction and expansion — St. Tammany Parish Public Schools continue to hold the line on millage rates.

In early June, school board members voted unanimously to keep the current 68.45 mills, with 47.55 targeted for the school's general fund and 20.9 delegated for repaying loans.

"We've tried to be very careful about such things," said Gayle Sloan, the recently retired superintendent of St. Tammany's school system. "The formula that we have used, which has proven to be very popular with our community, has been one of going to the voters and being clear about what we want to do, getting their approval, but not by raising the millage rates, but by simply reauthorizing the existing rates."

In 2009, a single collected mill in St. Tammany was worth \$1.4 million, up only slightly from the year before. But school officials note that because there has been a recession-

BY THE NUMBERS

	2008-09	2009-10
Schools	54	52
Students	35,896	36,000
Teachers	2,617	2,800

Source: CityBusiness staff research

induced decline in parish sales tax revenues of nearly 10 percent in the past year, the school system has simultaneously become even more determined to keep spending at bay.

"It's just a matter of being responsible," said incoming superintendent Trey Folse. "We can continue to pursue our projects without having to bust the budget."

During the 2009-10 school year, the St. Tammany system also reduced its work force, largely through attrition and retirements, by some 120 people, while also cutting administrative jobs by nearly 10 percent, all designed to save up to \$5 million.

"There is no reason why we cannot continue to manage the growth in a fiscally responsible way," Folse said. "That is what we have been doing all along, and I think it is what the people of St. Tammany expect of us."

Projects in the past year have included the opening of the new Lakeshore High School in Mandeville and Marigny



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Elementary School just outside Mandeville. Construction has started on Henry Mayfield Elementary School outside of Slidell and the Joseph Lancaster Elementary School in Madisonville. The Robert C. Brooks Education Complex, also in Slidell, is expected to open later this year.

The system has also seen the re-opening of one of its oldest and most well-known facilities, Salmen High School in Slidell, which has been out of commission for the past five years because of extensive Katrina damage.

“What we’ve been trying to do more recently is to identify some of the other schools across the parish that have been waiting their turn to get things done,” said Folsie, who has served for the past seven years as the system’s deputy superintendent. “Basically we built into these renovated classrooms the same specifications that we would use for new construction.”

Reflecting an overall parish population that, according to the U.S. Census, has jumped by 20 percent from 191,200 in 2000 to just more than 231,400 last year, the St. Tammany school system has made a science out of pacing new school construction.

“One of the things that we have heard is that parents want to see projects completed while their own children are still in school,” Sloan said. “So what we have typically done is build a school within a five-year period rather than taking on anything that is long-term. . . . They appreciate being treated as parents in a system that is doing things for their children, rather than being regarded simply as taxpayers voting on occasion for new millage rates.”•

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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
Isidore Newman School 1903 Jefferson Ave. New Orleans 70115	899-5641 896-8597	\$17,414 \$500-\$1,500	635 66	Pre-K through 12	18	nondenominational coed	1903	T.J. Locke head of school
Metairie Park Country Day School 300 Park Road Metairie 70005	837-5204 837-0015	\$15,889 varies	473 54	Pre-K through 12	varies	nondenominational coed	1929	Carolyn Chandler head of school
Trinity Episcopal School 1315 Jackson Ave. New Orleans 70130	525-8661 523-4837	\$15,400 \$800	342 56	Pre-K through 8	14	Episcopal coed	1960	Rev. Michael C. Kuhn headmaster
St. Martin's Episcopal School 225 Green Acres Metairie 70003	736-9917 736-8802	\$15,000 technology-\$150, middle school trips-\$1,500	363 42	12 months through 12	16	Episcopal coed	1947	Jeffrey Pratt Beedy headmaster
St. George's Episcopal School 923 Napoleon Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-5509 895-1225	\$13,470 varies	300 60	nursery through 8	12	Episcopal coed	1969	Rob Eichberger headmaster
Louise S. McGehee School 2343 Prytania St. New Orleans 70130	561-1224 525-7910	\$13,162 \$980	345 55	Pre-K through 12	10	nondenominational all female	1912	Eileen Powers headmistress
Academy of the Sacred Heart 4521 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-1943 891-9939	\$12,750 varies	525 69	toddler through 12	16	Catholic all female	1887	Timothy M. Burns headmaster
St. Paul's Episcopal School 6249 Canal Blvd. New Orleans 70124	488-1319 304-8315	\$9,500 application fee \$50	182 25	toddler 2 through 8	16	Episcopal and independent coed	1961	Merry Sorrells head of school
Ecole Bilingue de la Nouvelle-Orléans 821 Gen. Pershing St. New Orleans 70115	896-4500 896-9610	\$9,425 \$1,343.23	100 17	nursery through 5	16	French Department of Education nondenominational coed	1998	Pauline Dides principal
St. Andrew's Episcopal School 8012 Oak St. New Orleans 70118	861-3743 861-3973	\$9,407 average \$660	144 25	Pre-K through 8	14	Episcopal coed	1957	Mason Lecky head of school
Stuart Hall School for Boys 2032 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	861-1954 861-5389	\$8,600 varies	334 40	nursery through 7	18	Catholic, independent all male	1984	Kevin Avin head of school
Waldorf School of New Orleans 517 Soraparu, Suite 101 New Orleans 70130	525-2420 525-3223	\$7,750 supply fee \$300-\$400	62 7	nursery through 7	15	nondenominational coed	2000	Jennifer Curry office manager/ admissions
New Orleans Jewish Day School 3747 W. Esplanade Ave. Metairie 70002	887-4091 780-5639	\$7,700 0	48 12	Pre-K through 5	10	Jewish coed	1996	Bob Berk head of school
Ursuline Academy Elementary School 2635 State St. New Orleans 70118	861-9150 861-9159	\$7,500 varies	395 35	toddler 2 through 12	varies	Catholic all female	1727	Gretchen Z. Kane president
Kehoe-France 720 Elise Ave. Metairie 70003	733-0472 733-0477	\$6,840 \$750-\$1,000 books/activity fees	630 65	18 months through 8	22	nondenominational coed	1949	Kyle M. France president
Cedarwood School 607 Heavens Drive Mandeville 70471	(985) 845-7111 (985) 845-0669	\$6,585 \$695	350 42	2 year olds through 7	17	nondenominational coed	1983	Kathryn S. LeBlanc president
Holy Cross School 5500 Paris Ave. New Orleans 70122	942-3100 286-5665	\$6,200 varies	450 30	5 through 12	25	Catholic all male	1849	Charles J. DiGange headmaster
Arden Cahill Academy 3101 Wall Blvd. Gretna 70056	392-0902 392-3813	\$6,100 NA	600 61	Pre-K 3 through 8	15	none coed	1968	Mary Kevin Cahill principal
Northlake Christian School 70104 Wolverine Drive Covington 70433	(985) 635-0400 (985) 893-4363	\$6,055 \$625	484 48	infant through 12	16	nondenominational coed, racially mixed	1978	L. Joe Shorter head of school

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
Christian Brothers School 8 Friederichs Ave. New Orleans 70124	486-6770 486-1053	\$5,875 \$750	287 18	5 through 7	28	Catholic all male	1960	Joey M. Scaffidi principal
Holy Name of Jesus School 6325 Cromwell Place New Orleans 70118	861-1466 861-1480	\$5,372 \$465	510 57	Pre-K through 7	22	Catholic coed	1891	Courtney Wolbrette principal
Crescent City Christian School 4828 Utica St. Metairie 70006	885-4700 885-4703	\$4,900 \$800	269 15	Pre-K through 12	22	Christian coed	1956	Kent Daniel administrator
Ecole Classique 5236 Glendale St. Metairie 70006	887-3507 887-8140	\$4,900 \$150	300 30	Pre-K through 12	18	nondenominational coed	1956	Sal Federico headmaster
St. Andrew the Apostle School 3131 Eton St. New Orleans 70131	394-4171 391-3627	\$4,560 \$170	750 53	Pre-K 3 through 8	25	Catholic racially mixed	1953	Nancy Hernandez principal
Atonement Lutheran School 6500 Riverside Drive Metairie 70003	887-0225 887-0225	\$4,550 book fee - \$185 (K through 8)	235 16	Pre-K 3 through 8	27	Lutheran coed	1960	Douglas C. Molin principal
John Curtis Christian School 10931 Jefferson Highway River Ridge 70123	737-0208 739-2344	\$4,500 \$350	475 35	Pre-K through 12	20	nondenominational coed	1962	J.T. Curtis headmaster
St. Mary's Academy 6905 Chef Menteur Blvd. New Orleans 70126	245-0200 245-0422	\$4,300 \$500	450 40	Pre-K through 8	25	Catholic 98% African American, 2% other	1867	Sr. Jennie Jones, SSF principal
St. Pius X School 6600 Spanish Fort Blvd. New Orleans 70124	282-2811 282-3043	\$4,300 \$165-\$465	346 26	Pre-K 3 through 7	18	Catholic coed	1953	Pamela W. Fulham principal
Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic School 316 Lafitte St. Mandeville 70448	(985) 626-5678 (985) 626-4337	\$4,219 \$165	800 55	3 year olds through 7	25	Catholic WND	1890	Frank Smith headmaster
St. Edward the Confessor School 4901 W. Metairie Ave. Metairie 70001	888-6353 456-0960	\$4,200 \$150 regular, \$15 Clarion Herald, \$300 nonsupport	544 30	Pre-K through 8	28	Catholic coed	1965	Thomas Becker principal
St. John Lutheran School 3937 Canal St. New Orleans 70119	488-6641 482-2101	\$4,150 \$375	85 7	Pre-K through 5	12	Lutheran Church Missouri Synod coed	1854	Bethany Gonski principal
St. Angela Merici 835 Melody Drive Metairie 70002	835-8491 835-4463	\$4,095 \$165	450 32	Pre-K 3 through 7	25	Catholic coed	1965	Colleen S. Remont principal
St. Louis King of France Catholic School 1600 Lake Ave. Metairie 70005	833-8224 838-9938	\$4,050 \$200	250 25	nursery (6 weeks) through 7	20	Catholic coed	1953	Pamela K. Schott principal
Cathedral Academy 820 Dauphine St. New Orleans 70116	525-3860 525-3193	\$4,000 \$365	165 14	Pre-K through 7	18	Catholic 98% African American	1915	Sr. Mary Andrew Hession, O.P. principal
Life of Christ Christian Academy 1851 N. Dorgenois St. New Orleans 70119	945-5778 945-5778	\$4,000 \$500	40 3	Pre-K through 12	15	nondenominational coed	1997	Cheryl Leufroy Frlot principal and president
St. Philip Neri Catholic School 6600 Kawanee Ave. Metairie 70003	887-5600 456-6857	\$4,000 \$165 registration	700 59	nursery (6 weeks) through 7	25	Catholic racially mixed	1961	Carol Stack principal
St. Christopher Elementary School 3900 Derbigny St. Metairie 70001	837-6871 834-0522	\$3,900 \$300 and Pre-K 3 & 4 - \$500	777 68	Pre-K 3 through 8	25	Catholic coed	1949	Ruth Meche principal
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School 6421 W. Metairie Ave. Metairie 70003	733-1433 736-0727	\$3,800 \$165	425 30	Pre-K 3 through 8	25	catholic coed	1954	Kimberly Downes principal
St. Joan of Arc Catholic School 919 Cambronne St. New Orleans 70118	861-2887 866-9588	\$3,700 \$465	279 15	Pre-K 4 through 8	25	Catholic coed	1893	Dionne Frost principal
Calvary Baptist School 2401 Gen. DeGaulle Drive New Orleans 70114	367-6465 367-6632	\$3,700 \$800	11 11	Pre-K through 8	16	Baptist multi-ethnic groups	1984	Michael Carney headmaster
Our Lady of Divine Providence School 617 N. Atlanta St. Metairie 70003	466-0591 466-0671	\$3,690 \$150 registration	300 26	Pre-K 3 through 8	20-24	catholic coed	1967	Elvina DiBartolo principal
St. Peter Catholic School 130 E. Temperance St. Covington 70433	(985) 892-1831 (985) 898-2185	\$3,685 \$465	735 55	Pre-K (4 year old) through 7	27	Catholic Caucasian, African-American, Asian, Hispanic	1843	Melody Barousse principal

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Faith Lutheran 300 Colonial Club Drive Harahan 70123	737-9554 737-9599	\$3,675 \$525	96 8	Pre-K through 8	12	Lutheran coed, racially mixed	1958	Diane Oestriecher principal
St. Paul Lutheran School 2624 Burgundy St. New Orleans 70117	947-1773 945-3743	\$3,650 \$500	170 11	Pre-K through 8	16	Lutheran racially mixed	1840	Chuck Schiller school administrator
St. Ann School 4921 Meadowdale St. Metairie 70006	455-8383 455-9572	\$3,650 varies	856 73	early childhood 3 through 7	25	Catholic coed	1972	Susan Kropog principal
St. Margaret Mary 1050-A Robert Blvd. Slidell 70458	(985) 643-4612 (985) 643-4659	\$3,475 \$465	750 40	Pre-K 4 through 8	26	Catholic coed	1966	Bobby A. Ohler principal
Our Lady of Prompt Succor 2305 Fenelon St. Chalmette 70043	271-2953 271-1490	\$3,450 \$165	425 30	Pre-K through 8	22	Catholic coed	1952	Sharon Coll principal
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School 531 William Blvd. Kenner 70062	464-0531 464-0725	\$3,400 \$165 registration fee; \$300 out-of- parish fee	225 18	Pre-K 3 through 8	19	Catholic racially mixed	1928	Sr. Julie Glaeser principal
Bishop McManus Academy 13123 I-10 Service Road New Orleans 70128	246-5121 246-5564	\$3,400 \$250	108 8	Pre-K 2 through 12	14	Christian racially mixed	1975	Tammy McManus administrator
St. Stephen Catholic, Central School Consortium 1027 Napoleon Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-1927 891-1928	\$3,400 \$165 registration fee	225 12	Pre-K through 8	25	Catholic mixed	1852	Margaret LeBlanc principal
Our Lady of Lourdes School 345 Westchester Blvd. Slidell 70458	(985) 643-3230 (985) 645-0648	\$3,350 registration \$150; Clarion Herald \$15; non-support \$300	555 33	Pre-K through 8	25	Roman Catholic coed	1929	Robert Kiefer principal
St. Rita School 65 Fontainebleau Drive New Orleans 70125	866-1777 861-8512	\$3,200 \$165 registration	240 16	Pre-K through 8	WND	Catholic 98% African American	1924	Sr. Annette Baxley principal
Lake Castle Private School 235 Highway 21 Madisonville 70447	(985) 845-3559 (985) 845-3537	\$3,000 \$610-\$710	600 42	Pre-K through 8	24	nondenominational coed	1995	Barry M. Butera principal

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Xavier University Preparatory 5116 Magazine St. New Orleans 70115	899-6061 891-8766	\$5,670 \$800	261 23	7 through 12	20	Catholic all female	70 percent 95 percent	1915	Carolyn Oubre principal
St. Mary's Academy 6905 Chef Menteur Blvd. New Orleans 70126	245-0200 245-0422	\$5,600 registration \$600, technology \$200	260 40	Montessori K 3 through 12	25	Catholic all female	98 percent 98 percent	1867	Sr. Jennie Jones principal
Lutheran High 3864 17th St. Metairie 70002	455-4062 455-4453	\$5,500 \$800	100 12	9 through 12	11	Lutheran multi-ethnic	90 percent 97 percent	1970	Calvin Behrens principal
John Curtis Christian School 10125 Jefferson Highway River Ridge 70123	737-4621 739-2341	\$5,500 \$450	450 60	Pre-K through 12	20	nondenominational coed	80 percent 98 percent	1962	J.T. Curtis headmaster
St. Augustine High School 2600 A.P. Tureaud Ave. New Orleans 70119	944-2424 947-7712	\$5,450 \$1,625	653 50	6 through 12	25	Catholic all male	75 percent 95 percent	1951	Rev. John Raphael principal
St. Charles Catholic High School 100 Dominican Drive LaPlace 70068	(985) 652-3809 (985) 652-2609	\$5,400 \$750	457 40	8 through 12	28	Catholic coed	95 percent 95 percent	1948	Andrew Cupit principal
Mount Carmel Academy 7027 Milne Blvd. New Orleans 70124-2395	288-7626 288-7629	\$5,400 varies	1,176 121	8 through 12	17	Catholic female	WND 100 percent	1896	Sr. Camille Anne Campbell president/principal
Ecole Classique 5236 Glendale St. Metairie 70006	887-3507 887-8140	\$5,100 \$150	300 28	Pre-K through 12	18	nondenominational coed	90 percent 95 percent	1956	Sal Federico headmaster
Crescent City Christian High 4828 Utica St. Metairie 70006	885-4700 885-4703	\$4,900 \$800	121 14	Pre-K through 12	22	Christian coed	90 percent 98 percent	1956	Kent Daniel administrator
Bishop McManus Academy 13123 I-10 Service Road New Orleans 70128	246-5121 246-5564	\$3,400 registration: \$250	62 5	Pre-K 2 through 12	15	Christian 80% African American, 10% Caucasian, 5% Asian, 5% Hispanic	80 percent 96 percent	1975	Tammy P. McManus administrator

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Pre-Kindergarten October 26th, 6:30pm Middle & Upper School November 2nd, 6:30pm

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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
Isidore Newman School 1903 Jefferson Ave. New Orleans 70115	899-5641 896-8597	\$18,467 varies by grade	379 57	Pre-K through 12	18	nondenominational coed	75 percent 100 percent	1903	T.J. Locke head of school
St. Martin's Episcopal School 225 Green Acres Road Metairie 70003	733-0353 736-8801	\$17,500 technology: \$150, 7th and 8th grade trips about \$1,400	267 32	12 months through 12	16	Episcopal coed	56 percent 100 percent	1947	Jeffrey Pratt Beedy headmaster
Metairie Park Country Day School 300 Park Road Metairie 70005	837-5204 837-0015	\$16,160 varies	270 38	Pre-K through 12	varies by subject and grade	nondenominational coed	WND 100 percent	1929	Carolyn Chandler head of school
Louise S. McGehee School 2343 Prytania St. New Orleans 70130	561-1224 525-7910	\$15,550 \$635-\$860	155 34	Pre-K through 12	16	nondenominational all female	75 percent 100 percent	1912	Eileen Powers headmistress
Academy of the Sacred Heart 4521 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115	891-1943 891-9939	\$12,750 varies	267 38	pre-school through 12	16	Catholic all female	63 percent 100 percent	1887	Timothy M. Burns headmaster
Ursuline Academy High School 2635 State St. New Orleans 70118	861-9150 861-7392	\$7,500 varies	418 41	toddler-2 through 12	22	Catholic all female	WND 100 percent	1727	Gretchen Kane president
Brother Martin High School 4401 Elysian Fields Ave. New Orleans 70122	283-1561 286-8462	\$7,170 varies	1,192 102	7 through 12	24	Catholic all male	75 percent 99 percent	1869	John Devlin president
Cabrini High School 1400 Moss St. New Orleans 70117	482-1193 483-8671	\$6,800 \$425	455 45	8 through 12	20	Catholic all female	70 percent 100 percent	1959	Ardley R. Hanemann Jr. president
Jesuit High School 4133 Banks St. New Orleans 70119	486-6631 483-3816	\$6,700 none	1,340 107	8 through 12	24	Catholic all male	85 percent 100 percent	1847	Anthony McGinn, SJ president
Northlake Christian School 70104 Wolverine Drive Covington 70433	(985) 635-0400 (985) 893-2632	\$6,570 \$670	326 31	Pre-K through 12	14	nondenominational multi-ethnic	50 percent 100 percent	1978	L. Joe Shorter head of school
St. Paul's School 917 S. Jahncke Ave. Covington 70434	(985) 892-3200 (985) 892-4048	\$6,450 registration: \$300, building renovation: \$150	850 70	8 through 12	22	Catholic all male	89 percent 99 percent	1911	Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC principal
St. Scholastica Academy 122 S. Massachusetts St. Covington 70433	(985) 892-2540 (985) 893-5256	\$6,425 \$400	8 70	8 through 12	21	Catholic all female	95 percent 100 percent	1903	Marguerite S. Celestin president
Archbishop Shaw High School 1000 Barataria Blvd. Marrero 70072	340-6727 347-9883	\$6,300 \$850	625 45	8 through 12	22	Catholic all male	99 percent 89 percent	1962	Fr. James McKenna, SDB president
Holy Cross School 5500 Paris Ave. New Orleans 70122	942-3100 286-5665	\$6,200 varies	450 30	5 through 12	25	Catholic all male	72 percent 99 percent	1849	Charles J. DiGange headmaster
Archbishop Chapelle High School 8800 Veterans Blvd. Metairie 70003	467-3105 466-3191	\$6,150 \$400	880 69	8 through 12	23	Catholic all female	WND 97 percent	1962	Jane Ann Frosch president
Academy of Our Lady 537 Avenue D Marrero 70072	341-6217 341-6229	\$6,000 \$850	574 51	8 through 12	23	Catholic diverse	93 percent 98 percent	2007	Sr. Maria Colombo, FMA principal
Archbishop Rummel High School 1901 Severn Ave. Metairie 70001	834-5592 832-4016	\$6,000 \$930	977 72	8 through 12	13	Catholic all male	85 percent 99 percent	1962	Michael Begg president
Pope John Paul II Catholic High School 1901 Jaguar Drive Slidell 70461	(985) 649-0914 (985) 649-5494	\$5,950 freshman and sophomore: \$550; junior: \$740; senior: \$890	372 30	9 through 12	25	Catholic coed	WND 98 percent	1980	Richard P. Berkowitz principal
St. Mary's Dominican High School 7701 Walmsey Ave. New Orleans 70125	865-9401 866-5958	\$5,950 varies	919 67	8 through 12	25	Catholic all female	WND 100 percent	1860	Cynthia A. Thomas president
Archbishop Hannan High School 71324 Highway 1077 Covington 70433	(985) 249-6363 (985) 249-6370	\$5,800 \$200	280 23	8 through 12	20	Archdiocese of New Orleans coed	90 percent 98 percent	1987	Fr. Charles Latour principal

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Charter schools in New Orleans

(ranked by enrollment)

Company Address	Phone Fax	Year founded	Grades taught	Enrollment	Special focus	Top administrator Title	Charter organization Board of directors
Lusher Charter School 7315 Willow St.(K-5) New Orleans 70118 5624 Freret St.(6-12) New Orleans 70115	862-5110 and 304-3960 861-1839	1918 (chartered in 2005)	K through 12	1,520	celebrating cultural diversity through high academics and the arts	Kathy Hurstell Riedlinger CEO	Advocates for Arts Based Education Blaine LeCesne, board president
Warren Easton 3019 Canal St. New Orleans 70119	324-7400 324-7946	originally 1913 - charter school founded 2006	9 through 12	856	college prep focus on business and technology and arts and sciences	Alexina A. Medley principal and CEO	Warren Easton Charter Foundation
O. Perry Walker College and Career Preparatory High School and Community Center 2832 Gen. Meyer Ave. New Orleans 70114	302-7170 309-2960	established in 1970, chartered in 2005	9 through 12	800	college and career preparatory	Mary L. H. Laurie Andrea Thomas- Reynolds principal ACSA CEO	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Mark McNamara; Donna St. Louis; Missy Duhon
Lafayette Academy 2727 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	861-8370 861-8369	2006	Pre-K through 7	780	college preparatory	Mickey Landry head of school	Choice Foundation
Audubon Charter School 428 Broadway St. / 719 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	324-7100 / 324-7110 866-1691 / 218-4618	2006	Pre-K 3 through 8	775	French and Montessori, discipline-based arts program	Janice A. Dupuy principal and CEO	French and Montessori Education Inc. Cornelius Tilton, chairman of the board; Carlos Zervigon, vice chairman, Yvonne (Teddi) Locke; Shawn Barney, treasurer; Christina Brennan, secretary; Gladys Barrett- Merrick, Linda Blakley, Hon. Olivier Brochenin, Benjamin W. Comer, Dr. Corey Hebert, Allen Miller, Wynn Seeman, Robert D. Sloan
Edna Karr Charter High School 3332 Huntlee Drive New Orleans 70131	302-7135 301-2721	chartered in 2005	9 through 12	750	college preparatory	John C. Hiser Andrea Thomas- Reynolds principal ACSA CEO	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis; Missy Duhon
Dr. Martin Luther King Charter School 1617 Caffin Ave. New Orleans 70117	940-2243 94891-6919	2005	Pre-K through 10	700	science and technology	Doris Roche' Hicks CEO and principal	Friends of King School Hilda W. Young, president
James Singleton Charter School 2220 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. New Orleans 70113	568-3466 569-3378	2000	Pre-K through 8	639	technology	Melrose D. Biagas principal	Recovery School District YMCA
Alice M. Harte Charter School 5300 Berkley Drive New Orleans 70131	302-7121 398-7013	chartered in 2005	K through 8	630	technology and arts	Jamar C. McKneely Andrea Thomas- Reynolds principal ACSA CEO	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis; Missy Duhon
Benjamin Franklin High School 2001 Leon C. Simon Drive New Orleans 70122	286-2600 286-2642	1957	9 through 12	600	college preparatory	Timothy G. Rusnak principal and CEO	Advocates for Academic Excellence in Education Inc. Duris Holmes, president; Patricia Adams; Carl Indest; Joia Crear- Perry; Susan Weeks
Andrew H. Wilson Charter School 3617 Gen. Pershing New Orleans LA 70125	373-6274 308-3615	2007	K through 8	600	achievement, community and core values	Sheila M. Thomas principal	Broadmoor Charter School Board
Dwight D. Eisenhower Academy of Global Studies 3700 Tall Pines Drive New Orleans 70131	398-7125 398-7129	chartered in 2005	Pre-K through 8	547	global education and awareness	Monica B. Boudouin Andrea Thomas- Reynolds principal ACSA CEO	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis; Missy Duhon
Martin Behrman Charter Academy for Creative Arts and Sciences 715 Opelousas Ave. New Orleans 70114	302-7090 309-8174	chartered in 2005	Pre-K through 8	540	creative arts and sciences	Rene' Lewis-Carter Andrea Thomas- Reynolds principal ACSA CEO	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis; Missy Duhon
Langston Hughes Academy 3519 Trafalgar St. New Orleans 70119	373-6251 308-3606	2007	K through 8	540	college preparatory	Mark Martin Jeanyll Morris Kit Conroy lower school principal elementary school principal chief administrative officer	NOLA 180 Kathleen Padian, Michael Allweiss, Harold Asher, Ann Clayton Chamberlain, George Freeman, David Robinson-Morris, Robbie Vitrano, Dow Edwards, Doug Thornton
McDonogh 42 Elementary Charter School 1651 N. Tonti St. New Orleans 70119	942-3660 309-8031	2007	Pre-K through 8	527	reading and cultural enrichment	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

Charter schools in New Orleans

(ranked by enrollment)

Company Address	Phone Fax	Year founded	Grades taught	Enrollment	Special focus	Top administrator Title	Charter organization Board of directors
International School of Louisiana 1400 Camp St. New Orleans 70130	654-1088 654-1086	2000	K through 8	512	French and Spanish language immersion	Sean Wilson Melanie Tennyson executive director / head of school principal	International School of Louisiana
SciTech Academy at Laurel 820 Jackson Ave. New Orleans 70130	373-6213 NA	2009	K through 8	500	science and technology	Karen Bryan principal	ReNEW Schools Carol Asher
D.R. Batiste Cultural Arts Academy at Live Oak 3128 Constance St. New Orleans 70115	373-6214 NA	2009	K through 8	500	college prep with special focus on cultural art	Shimon Ancker Cecily Devizin Pandwe Gibson principals	ReNEW Schools Carol Asher
Hynes Charter School 3774 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans 70122	324-7160 948-1750	1952	Pre-K through 8	500	French immersion program grades K-7.	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
Abramson Science & Tech Charter School 5552 Read Blvd. New Orleans 70127	244-4416 240-7046	2007	K through 12	500	math, science and technology education	Hasan Sazci	Pelican Educational Foundation
Einstein Charter School 5100 Cannes St. New Orleans 70129	324-7450 254-4121	2006	Pre-K through 8	475	math and science	Shawn L. Toranto principal	Orleans Parish School Board Nolan Marshall, president; Chuck Gasho, vice president; Ronald Carrere, treasurer; Dr. Ramona Perkins, Margaret Nguyen
McDonogh #32 Literacy Charter School 800 de Armas St. New Orleans 70114	302-7144 302-7183	chartered in 2006	Pre-K through 8	468	literacy	Lee C. Green Andrea Thomas-Reynolds principal ACSA CEO	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis; Missy Duhon
Lake Forest Elementary Charter School 12000 Hayne Blvd. New Orleans 70128	826-7140 248-7020	2006	Kindergarten through 8	463	accelerated college prep with cultural arts and social skills integration	Mardele Simmons Early CEO/principal	New Orleans Public Schools The Council for Quality Education
Samuel J. Green Charter School 2319 Valence St. New Orleans 70115	304-3532 896-4147	2005	K through 8	460	college preparatory	Jay Altman CEO	FirstLine Schools
Harriet Ross Tubman Charter School 2013 Gen. Meyer Ave. New Orleans 70114	302-7160 302-7051	chartered in 2006	Pre-K through 8	450	math and science	Jonathan Williams Andrea Thomas-Reynolds principal ACSA CEO	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis; Missy Duhon
William J. Fischer Accelerated Academy 1801 Whitney Ave. New Orleans 70114	302-7111 363-1013	chartered in 2005	Pre-K through 8	450	math and science	Dahme Bolden Andrea Thomas-Reynolds principal ACSA CEO	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Mark McNamara; Donna St. Louis; Missy Duhon
New Orleans College Prep. 3127 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. New Orleans 70125	522-0100 910-1045	2006	K through 2 and 6 through 8	430	college preparatory	Ben Kleban founder / director	New Orleans College Preparatory Academies Hal Brown, Barbara Campbell MacPhee, Richard Conway, Peter Harding, Ruth Kullman, Murray Pitts, Monica Edwards
UNO/Pierre Capdau Charter School 3821 Franklin Ave. New Orleans 70122	872-9257 812-0393	2004	K-8	428	high school prep	Heidi Sargent principal	New Beginnings Schools Foundation Patricia Adams, Kim Bondy, Hugh Hamilton, Carla Major, James Meza, Timothy Ryan, Robert Schmidt, Carol Skriloff
Edgar Harney Elementary 2503 Willow St. New Orleans 70113	373-6230 891-6919	2010	Pre-K through 8	421	arts education, STAIR, HLC	Eileen T. Williams principal	Spirit of Excellence Charles Southall III
UNO/Medard Nelson Elementary 3121 St. Bernard Ave. New Orleans 70119	943-1311 943-9824	2005	Pre-K through 8	413	NA	Edward Brown principal	New Beginnings School Foundation - Capital One-UNO Charter Network Patricia Adams, Kim Bondy, Hugh Hamilton, Carla Major, James Meza, Timothy P. Ryan, Robert Schmidt, Carol Skriloff
UNO/Thurgood Marshall Early College High School 4621 Canal St. New Orleans 70119	373-6297 484-3487	2005	9 through 12	400	college preparatory	Michael E. Booker principal	New Beginnings Schools Foundation Patricia Adams, Kim Bondy, Hugh Hamilton, Carla Major, James Meza, Timothy Ryan, Robert Schmidt, Carol Skriloff

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Algiers Technology Academy 6501 Berkley Drive New Orleans 70131	302-7071 433-7986	chartered in 2007	9 through 12	400	technology	Henderson Lewis Jr. Andrea Thomas-Reynolds principal ACSA CEO	Algiers Charter Schools Association Charles Rice, president; Elsie Rose, vice president; Mark McNamara; Cassandra Bookman; Stephanie Bridges; Donna V. St. Louis; Missy Duhon
Gentilly Terrace Elementary School 4720 Painters St. New Orleans 70122	373-6240 284-5847	2007	Pre-K through 8	395	arts	Charlotte Burney-Tillman principal	New Beginnings Schools Foundation Capital One-UNO Charter Network Board: Patricia Adams, Kim Bondy, Hugh Hamilton, Carla Major, James Meza, Timothy Ryan, Robert Schmidt, Carol Skriloff
Miller McCoy Academy for Mathematics & Business 7301 Dwyer Road New Orleans 70126	303-2084 NA	2008	6 through 11	388	mathematics, business and college prep	Tiffany Hardrick Keith Sanders principals	Miller-McCoy Academy for Mathematics and Business Benton Smallpage
New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School 5625 Loyola Ave. New Orleans 70115	324-7061 309-4178	January 2006	9 through 12	375	science, technology, engineering, math	Alnita Williams Porea school director/principal	Advocates for Science and Math Education Mary Zervigon, board president
McDonogh City Park Academy 2733 Esplanade Ave. New Orleans 70119	940-1740 940-1780	2006	K through 8	372	data-driven instruction, meaningful and engaged learning	Christine F. Mitchell principal	New Orleans Charter Schools Foundation Micahel Bagot
KIPP Central City Academy 2625 Thalia St. New Orleans 70113	373-6290 302-9737	2007	5 through 8	360	lifelong learning, college-preparatory focus	Todd Purvis school leader/principal	KIPP New Orleans Schools KIPP New Orleans Schools
John Dibert Community School 4217 Orleans Ave. New Orleans 70119	372-6205 440-9188	2009	K through 8	358	innovative teaching, exploratory learning	Chad Webb principal	FirstLine Schools Gregory St. Etienne
Sophie B. Wright 1426 Napoleon Ave. New Orleans LA 70115	304-3915 896-4095	1910	6 through 11	348	NA	Sharon Latten Clark charter school director	Institute for Academic Excellence Rose Duhon Sells, board president
KIPP Believe College Prep 1607 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70118	304-8857 304-8862	2006	5 through 8	345	college-preparatory focus	Adam Meinig school leader/principal	KIPP New Orleans Schools
Esperanza Charter School 4407 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans 70119	373-6272 483-3010	2007	K through 8	332	structured learning environment focused on clear goals and standards	Stacey Barry principal	UNO Charter Network Martin Gutierrez
Priestley School 2009 Palmyra St. New Orleans 70112	324-7200 528-2105	June 14, 2006	9 through 12	317	architecture, construction	Michelle Biagas principal and CEO	Priestley Charter Board and LAPCS Christopher D'Amour, board president
Intercultural Charter School 5075 Willow Brook Drive New Orleans 70129	662-0220 662-0019	2008	K through 7	305	world vision (culture and language)	Peta Anne LeBlanc principal	Intercultural Charter School Board Alvaro Alcazar, board chair
Success Preparatory Academy at Wicker 2011 Bienville Ave. New Orleans 70122	909-6275 571-6317	2008	K through 4	300	to develop college-bound students for leadership and lifelong learning	Niloy Gangopadhyay principal	Success Preparatory Academy Avery Cornsweet
KIPP Central City Primary 2625 Thalia St. New Orleans 70113	373-6290 302-9737	2008	K through 2	300	lifelong learning, college-preparatory focus	Korbin Johnson school leader/principal	KIPP New Orleans Schools
Robert Russa Moton Charter 6800 Chef Menteur Highway New Orleans 70126	245-4400 248-7300	2006	Pre-K through 7	282	performing arts, technology	Paulette P. Bruno CEO	Advocates for Innovative Schools Inc. Lawrence Gulley, Victor Gordon, Frank Williams, Velta Simms, Barbara Major
KIPP McDonogh 15 Elementary 721 St. Philip St. New Orleans 70116	566-1706 592-8515	2006	Pre-K through 4	280	college-preparatory focus	Kyle Shaffer school leader/principal	KIPP New Orleans Schools
Arthur Ashe Charter School 3649 Laurel St. New Orleans 70115	373-6267 896-4003	2006	K through 8	241	rigorous, standards-based curriculum and enrichment	Aqua Stovall principal	Firstline Schools Lawrence Kullman
Pride College Prep 1700 Pratt Drive New Orleans 70122	400-0614 (888) 711-0754	2008	Pre-K through 3	200	college prep	Michael Richard principal	Pride College Preparatory Academy Allen Square
Benjamin Mays Preparatory School at Carver 3059 Higgins Blvd. New Orleans 70122	428-8711 308-3605	2008	Pre-K through 3	200	college prep	Duke Badley principal	Benjamin E. Mays Preparatory School Michael Schwam-Baird
KIPP McDonogh 15 Middle 721 St. Philip St. New Orleans 70116	566-1706 NA	2006	5 through 8	200	college-preparatory focus	Deanna Reddick school leader/principal	KIPP New Orleans Schools
Arise Academy 3819 St. Claude Ave. New Orleans 70117	615-6354 NA	2008	Pre-K through 3	200	college prep	Andrew Shahan principal	ARISE Academy Chris Ross
Sojourner Truth Academy 1301 N. Derbigny St. New Orleans 70166	352-6330 218-7498	2008	9 through 11	183	college prep and social justice activism	Channa Mae Cook principal and co-founder	Sojourner Truth Academy

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Crocker Arts and Technology School 1111 Milan St. New Orleans 70115	373-6223 308-3613	mid-1960s	Pre-K through 3 (growing a grade a year)	174	college preparatory, arts and technology	Anna Charmaine Robertson principal	Advocacy for the Arts and Technology in New Orleans, Louisiana, Inc. Grisela A. Jackson, president
New Orleans Charter Science and Math Academy (Sci Academy) 7301 Dwyer Road New Orleans 70126	274-3666 NA	2008	9 through 11	170	college preparatory	Benjamin Marcovitz founder and principal	New Orleans Charter Science and Math Academy (Sci Academy) Advocates for Science and Mathematics Education
Akili Academy of New Orleans 1700 Pratt Drive New Orleans 70122	355-4172 355-4177	2008	K through 2	165	college preparatory	Sean Gallagher executive director	Akili Academy of New Orleans NA
Sci Academy 7301 Dwyer Road New Orleans 70126	241-0037 324-0171	2008	9 through 11	159	college preparatory	Benjamin Marcovitz founder and principal	New Orleans Charter Science and Math Academy Advocates for Science and Mathematics Education
KIPP Renaissance High School 3820 St. Claude Ave. New Orleans 70117	400-0350 NA	2010	9	125	college preparatory	Brian Dassler school leader/principal	KIPP New Orleans Schools
Morris Jeff Community School 2239 Poydras St. New Orleans 70119	373-6200, ext. 20115 NA	2009	Pre-K through 2	125	NA	Patricia Perkins principal	Morris Jeff Community School Inc. Broderick Bagert
KIPP New Orleans Leadership Academy 3820 St. Claude Ave. New Orleans 70117	952-1052 NA	2010	5	100	college preparatory	Jared Lamb school leader/principal	KIPP New Orleans Schools

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Four-year Louisiana colleges and universities

(ranked by enrollment)

Name Address	Fall enrollment 2009	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
Louisiana State University 156 Thomas Boyd Hall Baton Rouge 70803	27,992	Michael V. Martin chancellor www.lsu.edu	69 percent 76 percent	\$5,233 \$14,383	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
University of Louisiana at Lafayette 103 University Circle Lafayette 70503	16,361	E. Joseph Savoie president www.louisiana.edu	85 percent 71 percent	\$4,015.70 \$12,587.70	environmental sciences, engineering, advanced computer science, business, nursing, architecture
Southeastern Louisiana University SLU P.O. Box 10752 Hammond 70402	15,160	John L. Crain president www.selu.edu	51 percent 45 percent	\$2,546 \$9,802	biological science, business, education, engineering technology, nursing and health sciences, global development, computer sciences, supply chain management, liberal arts
Tulane University 6823 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70118	11,911	Scott S. Cowen president www.tulane.edu	26 percent 84 percent	\$37,200 \$37,200	architecture, business, science and engineering, law, liberal arts, medicine, public health and tropical medicine, social work
University of New Orleans 2000 Lakeshore Drive New Orleans 70148	11,724	Timothy P. Ryan chancellor www.uno.edu	59 percent 70 percent	\$4,336 \$12,474	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
Louisiana Tech University P.O. Box 3168 Ruston 71272	11,264	Dan Reneau president www.latech.edu	63 percent 70 percent	\$4,509 \$9,906	business, applied natural sciences, education, engineering and science, liberal arts
Northwestern State University 715 College Ave. Natchitoches 71497	9,247	Randall Webb president www.nsula.edu	70 percent 87 percent	\$4,031.60 \$10,717.60	nursing, education, psychology, hospitality management and tourism, electronic engineering technology, heritage resources
University of Louisiana at Monroe 700 University Ave. Monroe 71209	9,004	James E. Cofer president www.ulm.edu	75 percent 62 percent	\$4,023.90 \$10,773.46	pharmacy and health sciences, criminal justice, computer information systems, communicative disorders, toxicology, teacher education
McNeese State University 4205 Ryan St. Lake Charles 70609	8,645	Robert D. Hebert president www.mcneese.edu	67 percent 74 percent	\$3,557 \$10,229	education, nursing, business, engineering, liberal arts, sciences
Southern University and A&M College P.O. Box 9901 Baton Rouge 70813	7,619	Kofi Lomotey chancellor www.subr.edu	39 percent 90 percent	\$2,177 \$2,896	nursing, engineering, urban forestry, science, business
Nicholls State University 901 E. First St. Thibodaux 70310	7,181	Stephen T. Hulbert president www.nicholls.edu	74 percent 72 percent	\$4,057 \$10,126	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
University of Phoenix, Louisiana Campus 1 Galleria Blvd., Suite 725 Metairie 70001	6,800	Brent S. Lyons state vice president www.phoenix.edu/louisiana	NA NA	\$8,640 \$8,640	business management, administration, criminal justice, information technology, nursing, education, accounting, health sciences, communication, psychology, human resource management
Grambling State University 403 Main St. Grambling 71245	4,992	Frank G. Pogue interim president www.gram.edu	31 percent 85 percent	\$2,606 \$8,492	education, business, nursing, social work, liberal arts
Loyola University New Orleans 6363 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70118	4,910	Rev. Kevin Wm. Wildes S.J. president www.loyno.edu	58 percent 83 percent	\$30,468 \$30,468	communications (journalism, public relations, advertising), psychology, biology, international business, English writing, music industry studies, criminal justice, forensic chemistry, theatre arts, music, nursing, MBA
LSU Shreveport 1 University Place Shreveport 71115	4,667	Vincent J. Marsala chancellor www.lsus.edu	90 percent 72 percent	\$3,732 \$8,502	liberal arts, science, business, education
Xavier University of Louisiana 1 Drexel Drive New Orleans 70125	3,338	Norman C. Francis president www.xula.edu	67 percent 92 percent	\$15,300 \$15,300	sciences, pre-medicine program, college of pharmacy
Southern University at New Orleans 6400 Press Drive New Orleans 70126	3,141	Victor Ukpolo chancellor www.suno.edu	47 percent 83 percent	\$2,038 \$3,738	social work, criminal justice, education, natural sciences, business and public administration
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 3939 Gentilly Road New Orleans 70126	2,647	Charles Kelley president www.nobts.edu	NA 44 percent	\$4,070 undergrad; \$3,110 graduate for SBC students NA	religious education, sacred music, theological and ministerial studies

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Four-year Louisiana colleges and universities

(ranked by enrollment)

Name Address	Fall enrollment 2009	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
Louisiana State University at Alexandria 8100 Highway 71 S. Alexandria 71302	2,323	David P. Manuel chancellor www.lsua.edu	86 percent 85 percent	\$3,562 \$6,270	nursing, education, business, allied health, psychology, math, history, biology, communications studies, English, general baccalaureate
Louisiana College 1140 College Drive, P.O. Box 583 Pineville 71359	1,400	Joe Aguillard president www.lacollege.edu	45 percent 85 percent	\$11,550 \$11,550	biology (pre-med), business, religion, athletic training
Our Lady of Holy Cross College 4123 Woodland Drive New Orleans 70131	1,350	Rev. Anthony J. De Conciliis president www.olhcc.edu	90 percent 85 percent	\$7,500 \$7,500	nursing, education, counseling, business administration, biology, liberal arts, radiologic technology, respiratory care, psychology, theology
Dillard University 2601 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans 70122	1,011	Marvalene Hughes president www.dillard.edu	46 percent 99 percent	\$13,000 \$13,000	business, public health, nursing, education and psychology, humanities, natural science, nursing, social sciences, teacher certification, urban studies, social sciences and criminal justice
Centenary College of Louisiana 2911 Centenary Blvd. Shreveport 71104	887	David Rowe president www.centenary.edu	60 percent 96 percent	\$22,880 \$22,880	music, pre-med, pre-law, fine arts/performance, business, education, MBA, masters of education, communications
Saint Joseph Seminary College 75376 River Road St. Benedict 70457	121	Rev. Gregory Boquet president and rector Jude Lupinetti www.sjasc.com	100 percent 33 percent	\$11,582 \$11,582	philosophy, theology, liberal arts

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Two-year Louisiana colleges and universities

(ranked by total enrollment in fall 2009)

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Delgado Community College 615 City Park Ave. New Orleans 70119	16,715	Ron D. Wright chancellor enroll@dcc.edu www.dcc.edu	100 percent 85 percent	1921	\$768 for 12-plus credit hours	allied health, nursing, computer technology, business, general studies, maritime, culinary, English as a second language, GED preparation
Baton Rouge Community College 201 Community College Drive Baton Rouge 70806	8,104	Myrtle E.B. Dorsey chancellor dorsey@mybrcc.edu www.mybrcc.edu	100 percent 33 percent	1995	\$969	business and applied sciences: process technology, environmental technology, engineering technology, accounting technology and business technology; nursing, construction management, general science
Bossier Parish Community College 6220 E. Texas St. Bossier City 71111	5,470	James Henderson chancellor jhenderson@bpcc.edu www.bpcc.edu	98 percent 39 percent	1967	\$970	work force training, allied health fields, general studies, culinary arts
South Louisiana Community College 320 Devalcourt St. Lafayette 70506	4,084	Jan Brobst chancellor jbrobst@southlouisiana.edu www.southlouisiana.edu	100 percent 40 percent	1997	\$1,007/semester full-time student	criminal justice, general studies, care and development of young children, emergency medical technology-paramedics, general business, industrial technology, liberal arts
Northshore Technical College 1710 Sullivan Drive Bogalusa 70427	3,744	William Scott Wainwright regional director william.wainwright@ltc.edu www.region9.ltc.edu	95 percent 65 percent	1930	\$994	health occupations, drafting and design, transportation, construction trades, manufacturing trades, mining industry, human services, corrections, business and information technology
Louisiana State University-Eunice P.O. Box 1129 Eunice 70535	3,332	William J. Nunez chancellor myoung@lsue.edu www.lsue.edu	99 percent 67 percent	1967	\$2,400 per year	allied health and business, fire and emergency services, early childhood education, paralegal, science
Southern University at Shreveport 3050 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Shreveport 71107	3,014	Ray L. Belton chancellor lwinzer@susla.edu www.susla.edu	98 percent 98 percent	1964	\$1,232	allied health, behavioral sciences, business studies, humanities, science and technology
Nunez Community College 3710 Paris Road Chalmette 70043	1,848	Thomas R. Warner chancellor twarner@nunez.edu www.nunez.edu	100 percent 70 percent	1992	\$975	practical nursing, early childhood education, culinary, industrial technology, process technology
River Parishes Community College P.O. Box 310 Sorrento 70778	1,817	Joe Ben Welch chancellor jwelch@rpcc.edu www.rpcc.edu	100 percent 60 percent	1997	\$71 per credit hour	liberal arts, general studies, general science, teaching
Louisiana Delta Community College 4014 LaSalle St. Monroe 71203	1,639	Luke P. Robins chancellor lrobins@ladelta.cc.la.us www.ladelta.edu	99 percent 48 percent	2001	\$1,081 (full-time, 12 hours or more)	liberal arts, general science, applied science business technology, childhood development, high school bridge program

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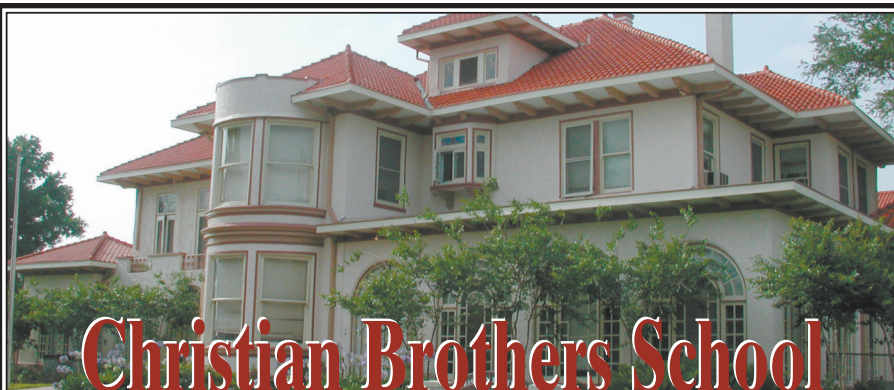
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