

## **District Performance Scores place Beauregard among top ten parishes in the state**

The State Department of Education released the 2009 District Performance Scores (DPS) for K-12 schools, and Beauregard Parish is ranked number eight in the state among the 64 parish school districts, according to Superintendent Rita Mann.

“This is the ninth year that the state has issued district performance scores,” she said, “and the ninth year that Beauregard Parish has ranked in the top ten school districts in the state.”

The DPS is a combination of student scores on the LEAP, iLEAP, and GEE tests as well as attendance and drop-out rates and sub-group rankings.

The annual performance ranking shows that Beauregard’s DPS is 103.6, up 3.1 points from the 2008 score. The overall state score was 91.0.

The state also released School Performance Scores (SPS) for the 2009 high-stakes testing. All Beauregard Parish school scores exceed the state average with nine of the eleven schools evaluated scoring 100 points or more. Five schools also met or exceeded the state-issued growth target for their school and nine schools showed gains from their 2008 baseline score.

The School Performance Scores for Beauregard Parish schools are: Carver Elementary – 109.6, DeRidder High School – 107.4, DeRidder Junior High School – 96.5, East Beauregard Elementary – 107.9, East Beauregard High School – 103, K.R. Hanchey Elementary – 108.4, Merryville High School – 104.4, Pine Wood Elementary – 100.7, Singer High School – 93.6, South Beauregard Elementary – 103, and South Beauregard High School – 101.8.

The state also issues performance labels rating each school from zero stars (scores under 60) to five stars (scores above 140). Nine schools in Beauregard Parish earned a Three Star ranking, including: Carver Elementary, DeRidder High School, East Beauregard High School, East Beauregard Elementary, K.R. Hanchey Elementary, Merryville High School, Pine Wood Elementary, South Beauregard Elementary, and South Beauregard High School. DeRidder Junior High School and Singer High School each received a Two Star rating.

“I want to thank our students, staff, and parents for their hard work and effort which have kept our school system one of the highest rated in the state,” said Mann.

“Our schools are consistently performing well in the high stakes state testing and demonstrating steady and determined growth toward the state goal of 120 points and a Four Star rating by the year 2014,” she explained. “We are committed to improvement in the state accountability program.”