



## 2006 – 2007 Highlighting Success

- In 2006, Shenandoah Elementary was named a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, the only school in the Baton Rouge area to receive this prestigious recognition.
- The East Baton Rouge Parish School System led the State in the number of teachers who were Nationally Board Certified. Louisiana ranked 10th in the nation for the number of new National Board Certified teachers in 2006.
- Debbie Dornier, a teacher from the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts, and Alicia Vidaurreta, a teacher from Broadmoor High School were honored as the 2006 Elementary Teacher of the Year and High School Teacher of the Year for the State by the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators.
- In 2007, 33 graduates were named National Merit semifinalist again topping all local private and parochial schools combined.
- The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has again awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for its financial reporting in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2005. This marks the twentieth consecutive year that the school system has received this prestigious award.
- The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAA) honored the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Director of Student Activities, Ken Jenkins, with the State Award of Merit for 2007. The NIAA honors a top administrator from each state every year.
- Two librarians in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System have won a national library book contest. The NEA Books Across America Library Books Awards has honored University Terrace Elementary School Librarian Lavern Simoneaux and Prescott Middle School Librarian Carol Ann Brakins.
- Students from Staring Education Center launched the first school-based credit union geared specifically for middle school students in the State of Louisiana.
- During the 2006-2007 school year, community members volunteered more than 144, 454 hours in schools and offices to support the EBR Parish School students.
- 30 East Baton Rouge Parish Schools received monetary awards totaling \$303,548 for meeting or surpassing their student academic growth target for the 2005-2006 school year.
- The East Baton Rouge Parish School System again leads area school districts with five graduating seniors selected as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation's highest honors for high school seniors.



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- The East Baton Rouge Parish School System has received official notification from the Louisiana Department of Education that the system has exited District Improvement. The label was removed based on the district's 2005-2006 performance scores.
- Students from Buchanan Elementary School were selected as winners in a nation-wide contest to name a piece of the International Space Station by NASA.
- 47% of teachers in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System hold advanced degrees.
- Scotlandville High School Senior Clint Berry received third place in the 2007 Magnet Schools of American Poster Contest for the high school level.
- The Tara High School Show Choir was chosen to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to lead the 2006 Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- Five Baton Rouge Magnet High School students were named among 2,300 students nationwide as additional winners of Merit Scholarship awards financed by colleges and universities.
- 100% of East Baton Rouge Parish Schools have Early Childhood Education Classes (Pre-K).
- 20 current High School students will finish their freshman year of college at Baton Rouge Community College after enrolling in the Early College Program while still a senior in EBR.
- Honors and Advanced Placement courses are currently available in all East Baton Rouge Parish School System High Schools. The program is so successful that the state will use this program as a model to develop a system state-wide.
- Delong Meng of Baton Rouge Magnet High School was a winner of the 2007 USA Mathematical Olympiad.
- Nancy N. Hammatt, Principal of Cedarcrest-Southmoor Elementary, received the YWCA 2006 Women of Achievement Award.
- The artwork of Glasgow Middle School talented art students was recently voted the #1 manager's promotion in the United States by Dreamworks/Paramount for the movie "Over the Hedge."
- Ms. Lai Thi Cao, a teacher at Baton Rouge Magnet High School, was selected as one of only three state finalists for the 2007 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Program.