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School District

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Ten Year Review July 2015

Ten Years Ago

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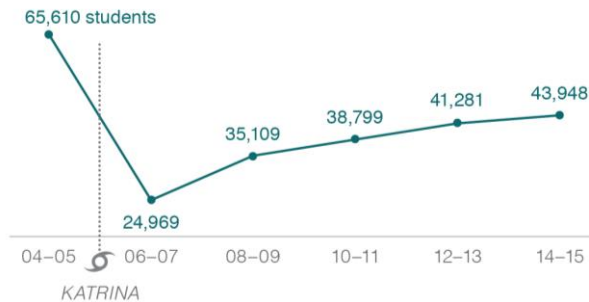
- Hurricane Katrina struck on August 29, 2005, just as students were returning to school at the start of the new academic year.
- 261 school buildings, many already in states of disrepair prior to the storm, suffered severe damage.
- After the storm, OPSB and RSD re-opened schools slowly for an abbreviated school year, and by the end of the 2005–06 school year, served an estimated 12,000 students in public schools, compared to 65,000 students in 2004-05.
- In 2006–07, the first full school year following Hurricane Katrina, enrollment increased to 25,000 students, still less than half of pre-Katrina enrollment.



Changing School Landscape

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Today, student enrollment has returned to 67 percent of pre-Katrina levels, with 81 New Orleans public schools in 2015-16.



Citywide Public School Student Enrollment Over Time

RSD

53 charter schools

OPSB

18 charter schools
6 direct-run schools

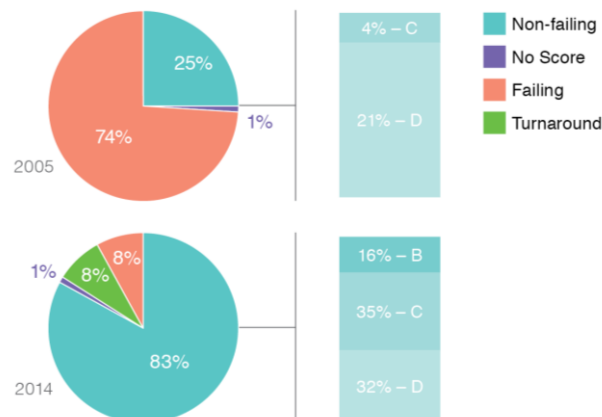
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4 charter schools

Beating the Odds: Improving Schools

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The percentage of students in failing schools has decreased by 66%.

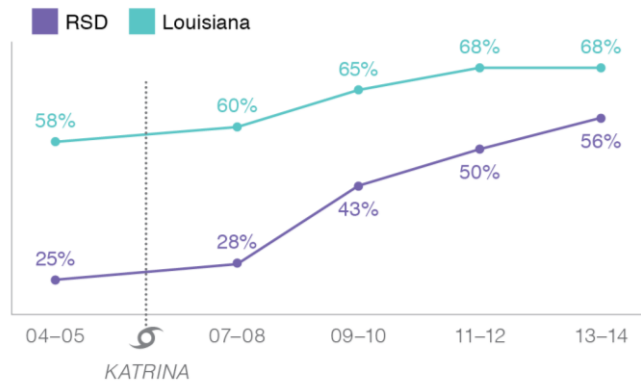


RSD New Orleans Student Enrollment by Letter Grade

Beating the Odds: Increased Test Proficiency

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RSD students have increased proficiency on state tests at a rate over three times that of the state average.

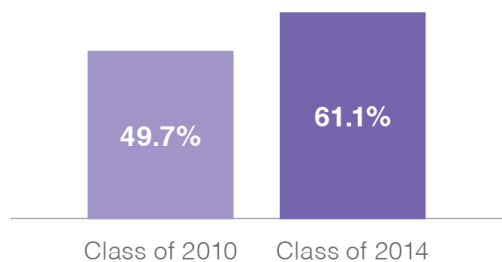


RSD New Orleans Percentage of Students Proficient on State Tests (all grades, all tests)

Beating the Odds: Higher Graduation Rates

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In only the past four years, RSD students have increased the cohort graduation rate by over 11 percent.

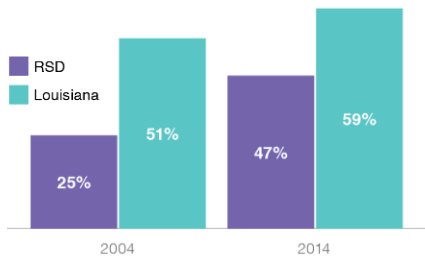


RSD New Orleans Students Cohort Graduation Rate

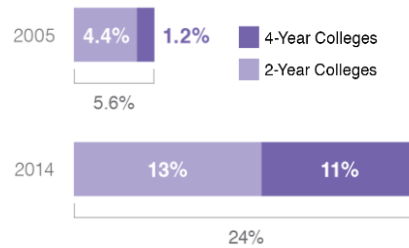
Beating the Odds: **More Students College Ready**

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In the past ten years, the RSD has nearly doubled the percentage of graduates enrolling in college and has increased the percentage of students earning TOPS awards by nearly five times.



Percentage of RSD New Orleans HS Students Enrolled In College First Fall after Graduation



Breakdown of TOPS Awards for Qualifying RSD New Orleans HS Graduates

Focus on Equity

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Over the past ten years, the RSD has been dedicated to ensuring equity for students by striving to treat families fairly and provide students access to the supports necessary to graduate from high school and be college or career ready.

To do this, the RSD works to create transparent policies, practices, and programs focused on:

- Building, repairing, and maintaining school facilities
- Choosing and enrolling in schools
- Student expulsions
- Supporting students with disabilities
- Diverse programs to meet the needs of all students

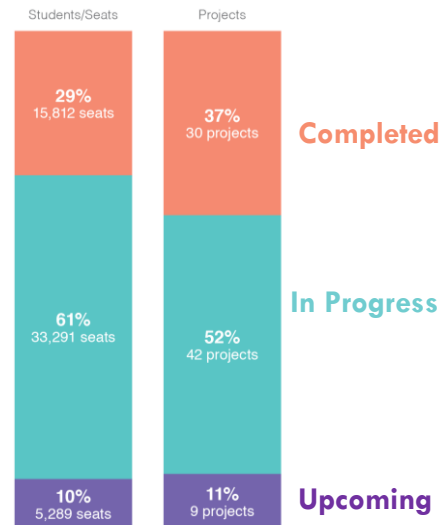
Building, Repairing, and Maintaining School Facilities

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The mission of the 2011 School Facility Master Plan is to ensure that every student in Orleans Parish has access to a new, renovated, or refurbished school facility.

55,000
Students

35
New Schools
18
Full Renovations
28
Refurbishments



Choosing and Enrolling in Schools

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In 2011, the RSD created OneApp, and today, EnrollNOLA, the citywide unified enrollment process, enables families in New Orleans to efficiently choose and enroll their students in schools.

Variety of schools & programs

- 90% of public schools
- Selective admission schools
- Early childhood programs
- Louisiana Scholarship program

Year-round Enrollment

- OneApp (Main Round, Round 2)
- Late Enrollment Process
- Mid-Year Placements
- Transfers
- Common policies and procedures for all programs

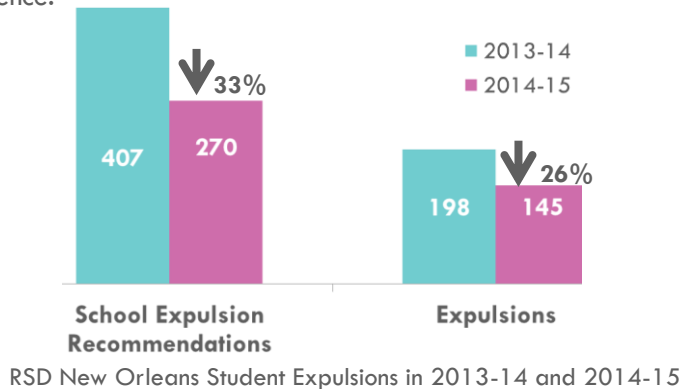
Supporting Families

- Paper & online applications in English, Spanish, & Vietnamese
- Three year-round Family Resource Centers
- NOLA Parent's Guide
- EnrollNOLA Annual Report

Student Expulsions

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Since 2012, all public schools in New Orleans have participated in the citywide student expulsion process managed by the RSD's Student Hearing Office. This ensures expulsions are reserved for only the most serious offenses, and that students and families are treated fairly and are given due process throughout the experience.

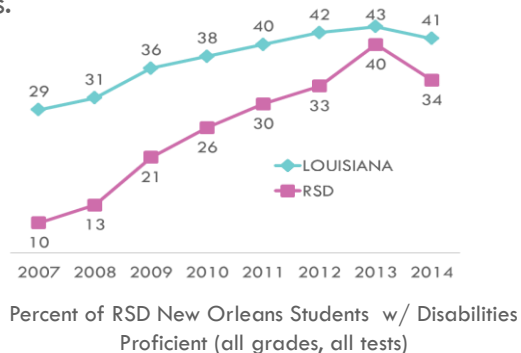


Supporting Students with Disabilities

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In New Orleans, the RSD leads a number of initiatives to ensure equitable funding and program support for students with disabilities, which has led to impressive gains.

- **RSD Differentiated Funding Formula** – funds schools according to the needs of the students they are serving
- **Citywide Exceptional Needs Fund** – provides supplemental funding to schools serving students with the most intensive needs
- **Therapeutic Day Program** – will serve students with severe mental and behavioral health needs to support transition back into their home schools



School Transformations

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Over the past ten years, as the RSD has transformed struggling schools through closures, full school turnarounds, and new facility assignments, the RSD has worked to improve its process for engaging with parents and stakeholders throughout these transitions.

Improved parent communications and enrollment support for closing schools

- Parent Meetings
- Closing school priority in the OneApp process
- Enrollment counselor communication with each family through phone and/or home visits

Community and Parent-based process to select new school operators

- RFA process to select school operators for Reed, Livingston, John McDonogh, and full school turnaround of Wilson Elementary
- Review committee composed of community and parent representatives

Diverse Programs to Meet the Needs of All Students

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The RSD is working to lead and support collaborative, citywide organizations focused on providing a diverse array of supports in order to help all students succeed.

- **Greater New Orleans Regional Jump Start Team** – school and industry partnerships that provide training and career pathways focused on preparing students for high-wage, high-growth careers
- **Youth Opportunity Center** – promotes academic success for all students by reducing barriers to school attendance through case management support services
- **New Orleans Early Education Network** – collaborative network working to improve quality of and access to early childhood education for low-income families



Looking Ahead

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Our schools, teachers, and students have demonstrated incredible progress and achievement over the past ten years.



But, in order to ensure that all students in New Orleans have equitable access to an excellent public education, there is still much work to be done.

2015-2016 Priorities Highlights

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All schools in EnrollNOLA

- 100% public school participation in EnrollNOLA and OneApp

Increased access to quality early childhood education

- Coordinated enrollment of all publicly funded early childhood programs through EnrollNOLA
- Securing funding for an additional 1,000 early childhood seats for four-year-olds from low-income families in coming years

Citywide differentiated funding

- A unified differentiated funding formula will be expanded to all public schools for the 16-17 school year

Long-term preservation of public school facilities

- Completing the School Facilities Master Plan
- The School Facilities Preservation Program will support emergency and planned capital repairs for all public school facilities

Quality Career Education

- At least 25% of rising juniors will be enrolled in Jump Start coursework for the 2016-17 school year
- RSD will partner with Delgado Community College to launch citywide dual enrollment programs for digital media and skilled crafts

The Next Ten Years

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As we look beyond the 2015-16 school year to the next ten years, we know that schools, leaders, elected officials, and even governance structures may change.

However, we know that no matter what structural changes occur, only by moving forward together to support a system of schools focused on success for all students will we be able to build on our current success and continue to improve.

