

New Orleans Public Schools

MARCH 2015

In 2003, the state created the Louisiana Recovery School District (RSD) to take chronically failing schools away from local school board control and let the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) oversee their operations. In August 2005, there were five schools in the RSD. After Hurricane Katrina, the legislature passed Act 35, and the RSD took over the vast majority of schools in New Orleans, leaving 16 high performing schools with the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB).

Both OPSB and RSD converted traditionally run schools into charter schools. Today, over 90% of students attend charter schools. New Orleans is creating a system of autonomous, charter schools that serve all students, finding the right balance between charter school autonomy and regulation. The RSD and OPSB have implemented a citywide enrollment system (EnrollNOLA), a centralized expulsion process and a citywide fund for students with exceptional needs.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE NOW

There are **80** public schools in New Orleans

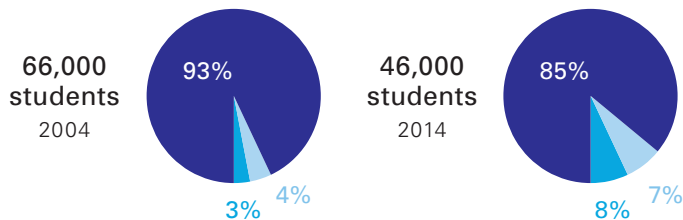
BESE
4 charters
57 RSD charters

OPSB
14 charters
5 direct operation

DEMOGRAPHICS

Racial make-up of students

Black White Other

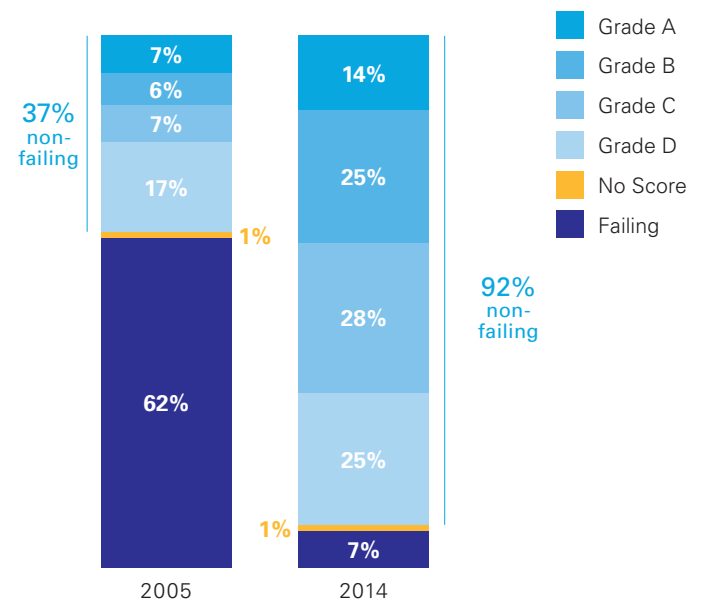


Economically Disadvantaged Students

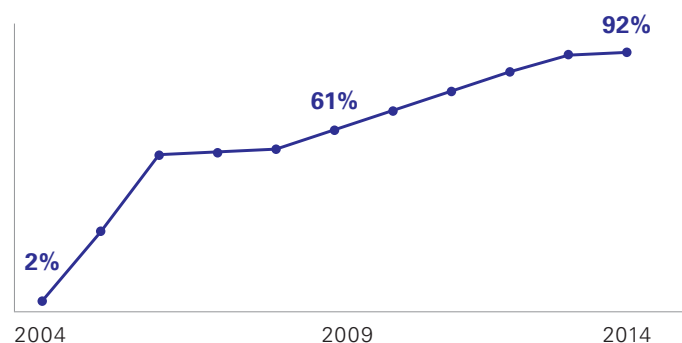
77% → 83%

2004 2014

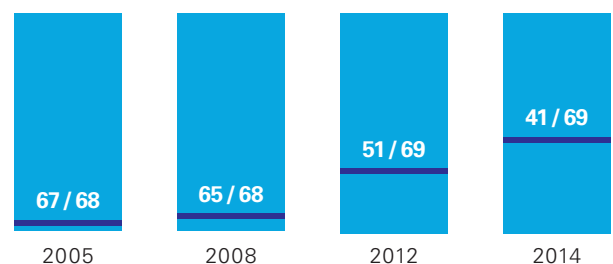
STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE*



CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

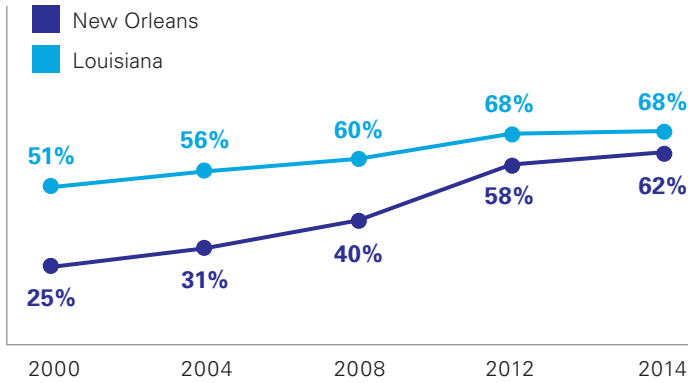


DISTRICT PERFORMANCE: NEW ORLEANS RANK OVER TIME

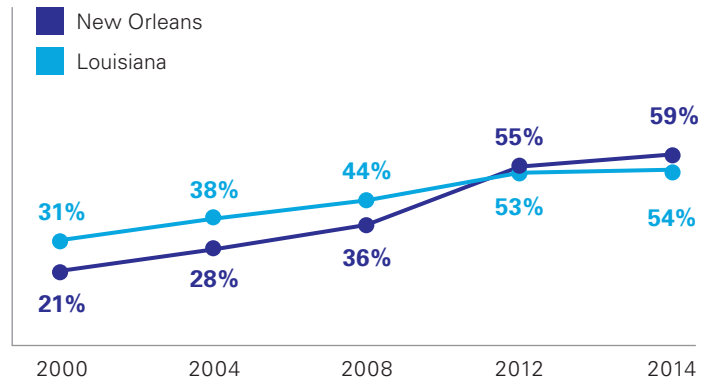


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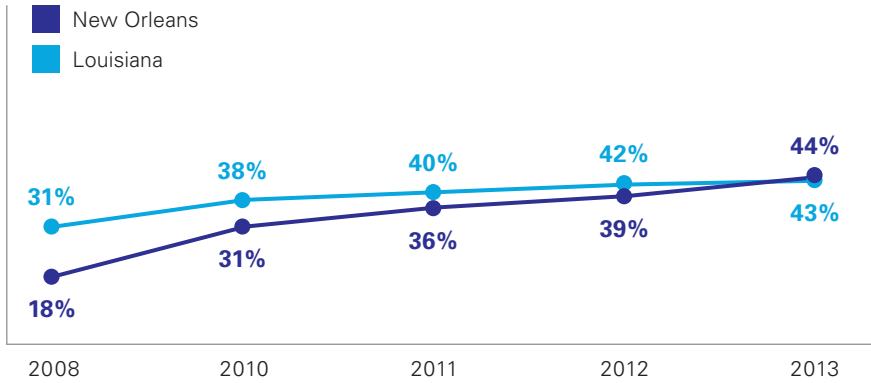
PERFORMANCE: ALL STUDENTS



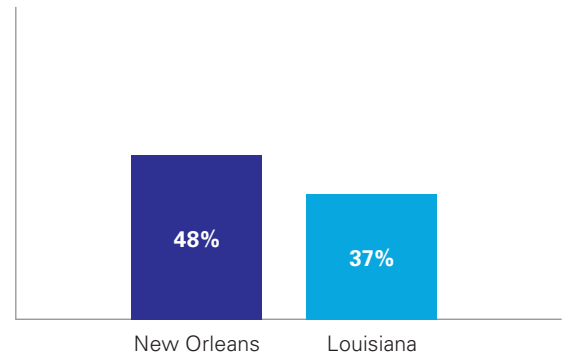
PERFORMANCE: BLACK STUDENTS



PERFORMANCE: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



2013 GRADUATION RATE: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



GRADUATES

Graduation Rate

54% → 73%
2004 2013

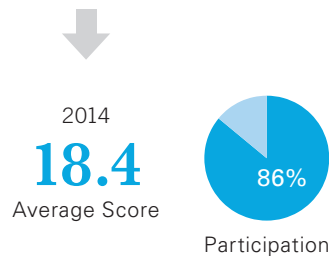
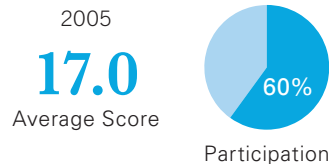
College Enrollment

45% → 58%
2004 2012

Eligible for TOPS merit scholarships**

25% → 37%
2005 2014

ACT scores and participation rates



Composite ACT scores; cities where ACT is required

CITY	SCORE
Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC†	18.6
New Orleans, LA	18.4
Denver, CO	18.4
Nashville, TN	18.4
Chicago, IL	18.0
Miami-Dade County, FL	17.9
Shelby County (Memphis, TN)†	17.7
Detroit, MI	16.4
Birmingham, AL	16

† 2013 composite score. All others 2014.

* In 2005, schools were given stars (1 to 5) not letter grades; for the purpose of comparison, 4 and 5 = A, 3 = B, 2 = C, 1 = D, and "Academically Unacceptable" = F.
** TOPS provides state-funded 2- and 4-year merit-based scholarships to Louisiana public colleges and universities.