

The Education Committee of Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans supports the innovations that are transforming the public schools in Orleans Parish.

The guiding principles which frame our commitment include:

- The purpose of education is to ensure that children reach their potential and are prepared for the future;
- School success is measured by student achievement;
- All children, regardless of socio-economic background, race or gender, deserve the opportunity that is afforded by an excellent education.

New Orleans is among those urban centers that are transforming public education in the Nation. A major shift in the way that public education is being delivered to students is producing incremental, sustained improvement each year.

Prior to Hurricane Katrina, the New Orleans Public Schools (NOPS) was one of the worst performing school districts in Louisiana. This prompted the state takeover of the schools that performed lower than the state average. Today, the public schools in New Orleans are operated by two groups:

- The Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) operates the schools that were above the state average. Most of these schools are run as district charter schools.
- The Recovery School District (RSD), which operates under the Louisiana Board of Secondary and Elementary Education (BESE), operates the majority of schools and has intentionally moved towards an all charter school model.

