

# Avoyelles Parish Schools Show Overall Improvement in Latest Performance Scores

November 20, 2024- In a significant demonstration of academic progress, the Avoyelles Parish School District has earned an overall performance score of 79.1 (B) for the 2023-2024 school year, marking a 1.4-point increase from its 2022-2023 score of 77.7. This improvement continues a positive trend for the district, which has seen its performance score rise by 6.2 points since 2021.

“I am tremendously proud of the work we are doing across Avoyelles Parish. I want to thank our leadership, faculty, and staff for their hard work and diligence to improve our practice and keep our daily focus on student achievement. I’d like to thank our families for making sure our students are in school and ready for instruction daily. I’d like to thank our community partners for supporting us in all do,” expressed Superintendent Karen Tutor.

Several schools within the district showed notable improvements in their 2024 scores. Plaucheville Elementary School demonstrated the most substantial year-over-year gain, with a 9.6-point increase, moving from a D to a C rating. Riverside Elementary School also showed remarkable progress with an 8-point improvement, maintaining its C rating while building on years of steady growth. Since 2021, Riverside has achieved an impressive 22.5-point increase in its performance score.

Bunkie Magnet High School emerged as one of the district's highest performers, earning an A rating with a score of 91.7, up 3.2 points from 2023. The Louisiana School for Agricultural Sciences continues to lead the district with an exemplary score of 101.7, maintaining its A rating despite a slight 3.1-point decrease from the previous year.

Other notable achievements include:

- Avoyelles High School's B rating with an 84.8 score, showing a 3.2-point improvement.
- Lafargue Elementary School's advancement to a B rating with a 76.2 score, up 4.4 points.
- Bunkie Elementary Learning Academy, Marksville Elementary, and Marksville High School's continued progress with 1.8-point, 1.3-point, and 0.6-point increases, respectively.

However, some schools face ongoing challenges. Cottonport Elementary's score of 44.4 represents a 2.3-point decrease from 2023, maintaining an F rating. We are continuing to provide additional support and targeted interventions necessary to increase student achievement.

The district's overall trajectory demonstrates a remarkable transformation in educational quality and student achievement over the past three years. Since 2021, the district has shown consistent progress in elevating its performance from a C rating to a solid B, with a total improvement of 6.2 points. This growth is particularly noteworthy given the challenges schools faced during and after the pandemic. The improvement spans across multiple grade levels and school types, suggesting that district-wide initiatives and strategic interventions are having their intended effect.

The success is especially evident in the district's high schools, with both Bunkie Magnet High School and Avoyelles High School achieving strong B and A ratings, indicating robust college and career readiness programs. Elementary schools have shown mixed but generally positive results, with several schools demonstrating significant improvements in their foundational education programs. Riverside Elementary's dramatic 22.5-point improvement since 2021 stands as a testament to the potential for substantial positive change within the district.

These results reflect not only the dedication of teachers and administrators but also the effectiveness of targeted improvement strategies, professional development programs, and the community's commitment to educational excellence. As the district continues to build on these successes, the focus remains on addressing remaining challenges while maintaining the positive momentum that has characterized recent years. The consistent upward trend suggests that Avoyelles Parish Schools are well-positioned to continue their trajectory of improvement in the years ahead.

Superintendent Tutor noted, “Our schools have worked very hard to increase student mastery for all students. That work is evident in our assessment results but we still have work to do. We will continue to focus on grade-level student achievement. We will continue to build partnerships and relationships so that together, we can **A**chieve, **A**ccomplish, and **A**pplaud our students.”



School	School System	School Type (Elementary, Middle, High, Combination)	2024 Letter Grade	2024 SPS	2023 Letter Grade	2023 SPS
Bunkie Elementary School	Avoyelles Parish	Elementary/Middle School	D	56.8	D	55
Bunkie Magnet High School	Avoyelles Parish	Combination School	A	91.7	B	89
Cottonport Elementary	Avoyelles Parish	Elementary/Middle School	F	44.4	F	46.7
Lafargue Elementary School	Avoyelles Parish	Elementary/Middle School	B	76.2	C	71.8
Marksville Elementary School	Avoyelles Parish	Elementary/Middle School	C	62.7	C	61.4
Marksville High School	Avoyelles Parish	Combination School	C	70.6	C	70
Avoyelles High School	Avoyelles Parish	Combination School	B	84.8	B	81.6
Plaucheville Elementary School	Avoyelles Parish	Elementary/Middle School	C	68.4	D	58.8
Riverside Elementary School	Avoyelles Parish	Elementary/Middle School	C	71.5	C	63.5
LA School for Ag Science	Avoyelles Parish	Combination School	A	101.7	A	104.8

These scores can be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Education’s website at <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/performance-scores>.