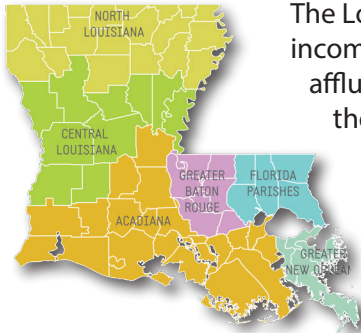


LOUISIANA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Empowering Families



The Louisiana Scholarship Program empowers low-income families with the same opportunity as more affluent parents – the financial resources to send their child to the school of their choice.

Launched in 2008 in New Orleans, the Louisiana Scholarship Program, formally known as the Student Scholarships for Education Excellence Program, was expanded statewide in 2012.

2015-2016 Participation	
7,110	Students
12,738	Applications Received
119	Schools
32	# Parishes with Scholarship Schools

During the 2015-2016 school year, more than 7,100 students accepted a Scholarship and enrolled in a participating, state-approved private school. 119 nonpublic schools – nearly one-third of eligible schools – participate in the program.

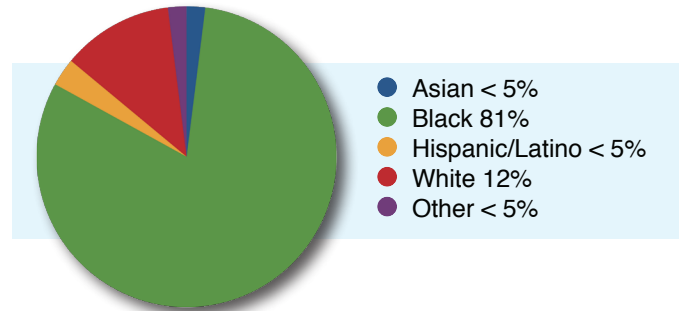
Louisiana Scholarship Program Accountability

Schools participating in the Louisiana Scholarship Program are held accountable for academic outcomes through one of the most rigorous nonpublic school choice accountability systems in the nation. Schools must meet performance expectations based on student achievement results yearly, with swift consequences for schools that fail to meet these expectations.

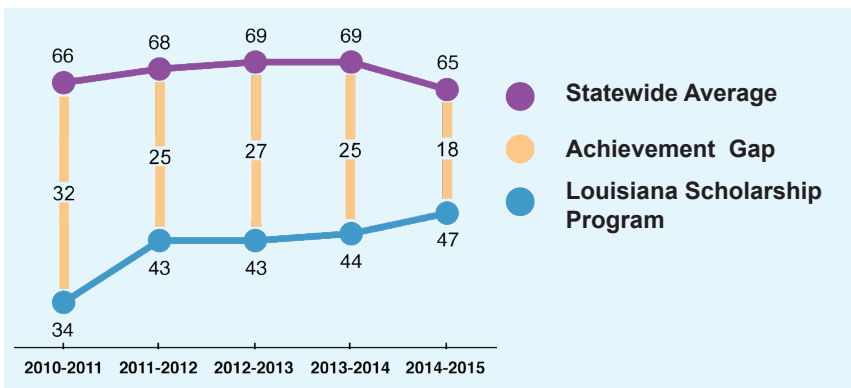
Scholarship Recipients

Minorities represented 88.6 percent of all Louisiana Scholarship Program students in 2014-2015. A total of 1,917 (26.0 percent) of the 7,362 scholarship students were enrolled for the first time as a scholarship recipient.

Of students entering the Louisiana Scholarship program for the first time from public school in 2014-2015, 63.5 percent previously attended D, F, or T rated public schools, 92.5 percent qualified for federal free or reduced-price lunch, and 2.4 percent had an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).



Closing the Achievement Gap



The Louisiana Scholarship Program has closed the achievement gap with the statewide average by almost half (44 percent gap reduction) over the last five years for students in grades 3-8 achieving at least “Basic” proficiency.

