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## **Zachary School District Earns "A"**

Zachary Community School District Remains the TOP Performing School District

Zachary, LA – Today, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) released the 2017-2018 school and district performance results. Our school district earned a letter grade of "A", even as the state raised the bar for what it takes to earn that grade. Our district performance can be viewed at Zachary K-12 District Report Card.

"Congratulations to our students, parents, staff and community! I am extremely proud of our schools. We are dedicated to reaching higher goals and will continue to strive towards being a Model of Excellence in all that we do, by providing high quality instruction to every child, every day", said Superintendent Devillier.

Every year, schools and school systems in Louisiana receive report cards with school performance scores and corresponding A-F letter grades. The report cards, which can be viewed on the online Louisiana School Finder, communicate how well schools are preparing students for the next grade level by examining student performance measures such as state assessment scores, yearly graduation rates or early college credit obtainment. Over time, the state has raised the bar for each of these measurements.

With the changes in the calculations of scores for all districts/schools, the 2017-2018 score marks a new baseline for Zachary Schools. The Louisiana Department of Education NEW score calculations include the addition of a "Student Progress (Growth)" component as well as changes in the way index value points are awarded. For every Mastery test, our schools earned 100 points vs 125 points last year and for every Basic test, our schools earned 80 points vs 100 points last year.

## Among the highlights from our 2017-2018 academic performance:

- 56% of our students Scored Mastery or Advanced on Fall State Assessments 2018
  - o 3-8 ELA, Math and Social Studies, English I-II, Algebra and Geometry
  - Highest in the state
- ACT Composite Score: 21.9 (Highest in the state)
- Graduation Rate: 91.1
- 4 Top Gains Honoree Schools
- 1 Equity Honoree School

"We look forward to working with all stakeholders as we work towards continuous improvement under the state's new accountability system. We are committed to continuing to work closely with our teachers in providing any needed supplemental resources, professional development, curriculum alignment, and day to day support. We appreciate our community's continued support of our schools", said Superintendent Devillier.

To learn more visit **ZCSD** District Accountability.