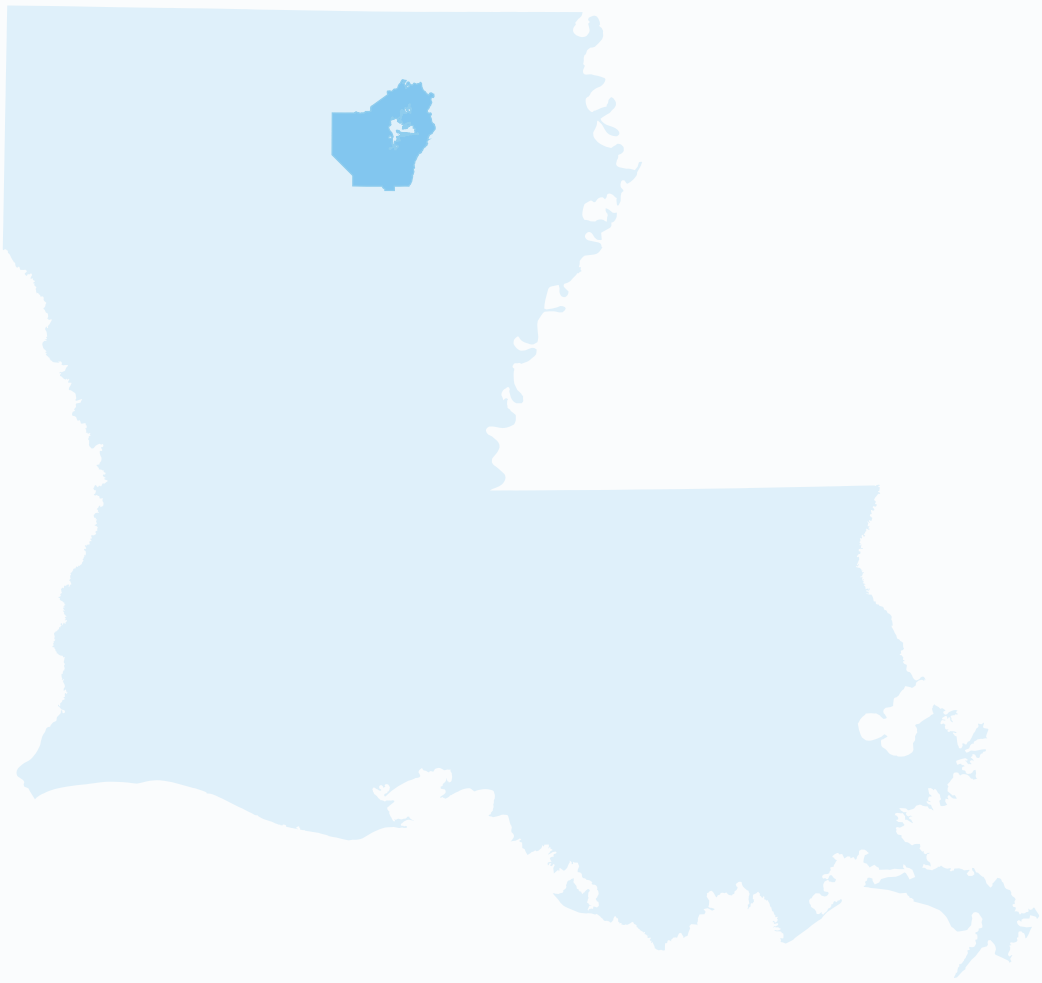

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Trends in Academic Performance in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

VERSION 2025.1

This report summarizes district-level educational outcomes using data from the Stanford Education Data Archive (SEDA) from 2009-2025. Figures may contain gaps where source data are unavailable.

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Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

Average Grade 3-8 Test Scores, 2022-2025, by District Socioeconomic Status

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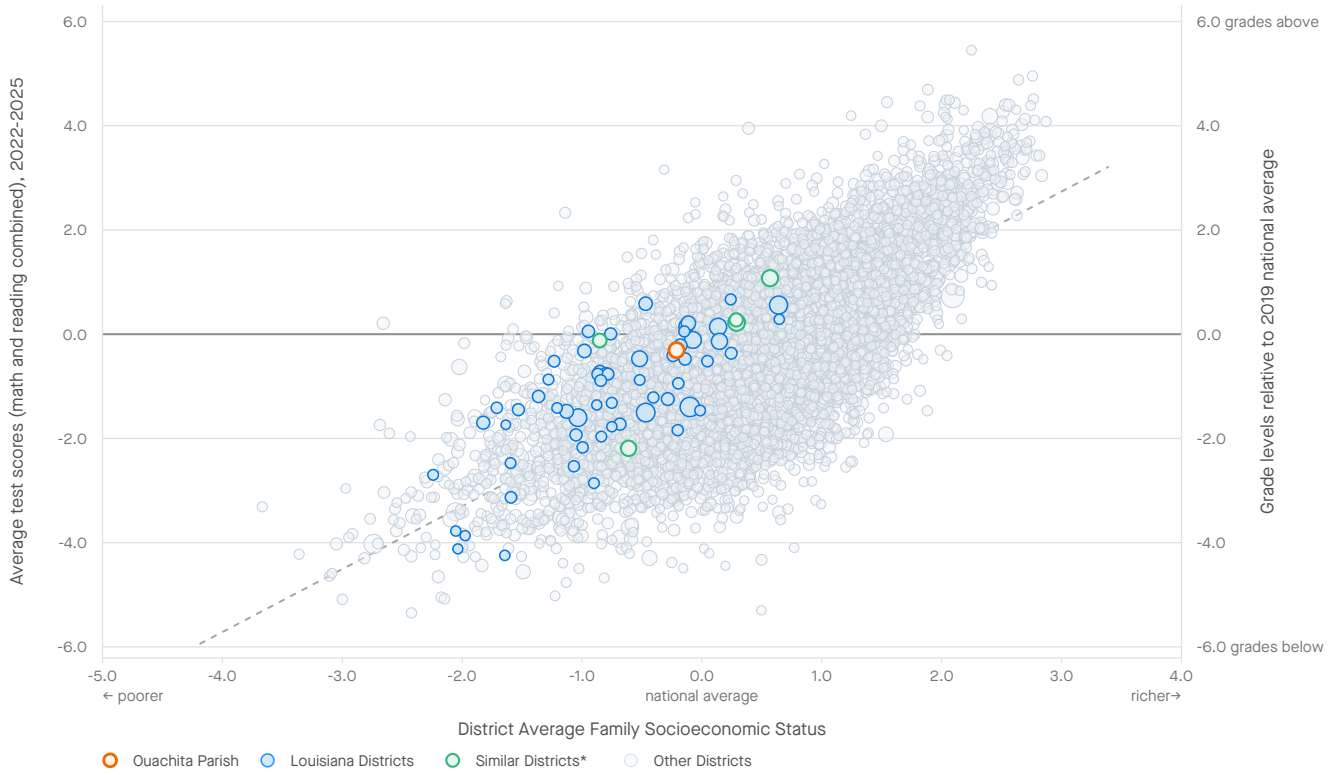

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Average Test Scores and Trends, 2022-2025

ALL STUDENTS

	2022-2025 Average Scores	2022-2025 Trend in Test Scores
Ouachita Parish	-0.31	0.03
Similar Districts Avg.*	-0.09	0.04
Louisiana	-0.70	0.06

Test scores are reported in grade level units, relative to the 2019 national average. For example, the first row above reads: "Students in Ouachita Parish performed 0.31 grade levels below the 2019 national average. Test scores in Ouachita Parish have been changing at a rate of +0.03 grade levels/year since 2022."

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STUDENT SUBGROUPS

	2022-2025 Average Scores	2022-2025 Trend in Test Scores
White	0.76	0.03
Black	-1.98	0.03
Hispanic	-0.96	-0.03
Asian	2.08	N/A
Poor	-1.21	0.04
Non-Poor	1.46	0.07
Female	-0.11	0.01
Male	-0.50	0.03

Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

Trends in Average Grade 3-8 Test Scores, 2009-2025, by Subject and Student Subgroup

Trends in test scores may reflect changes in school quality, changes in demographics, and/or changes in out-of-school educational opportunities.

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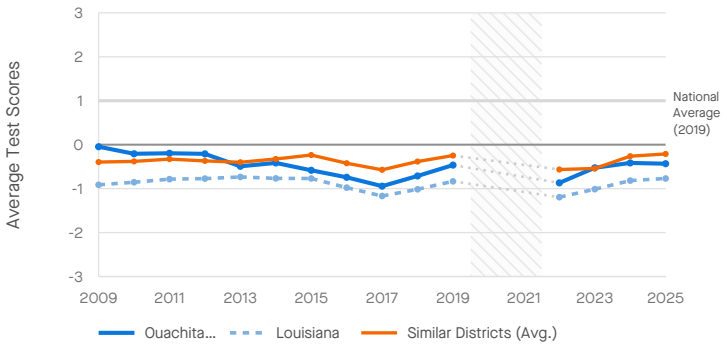

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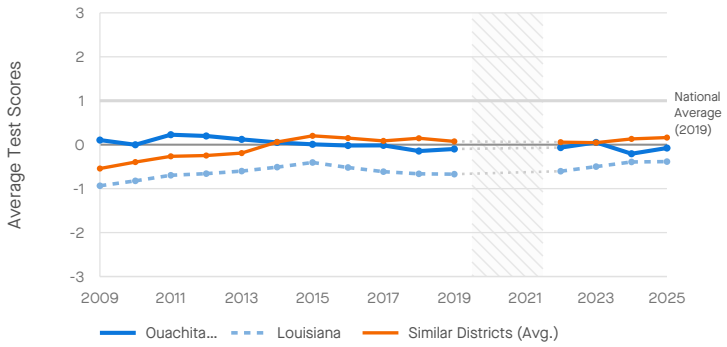

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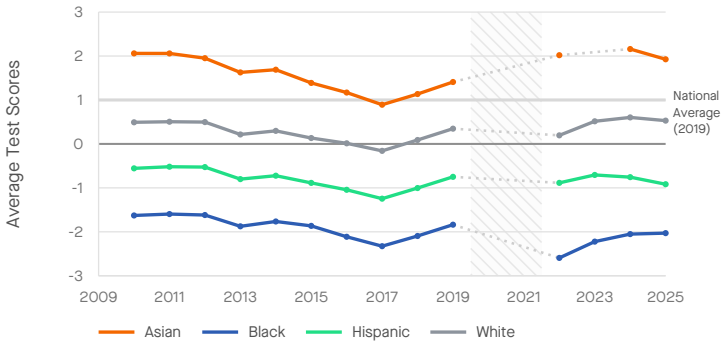

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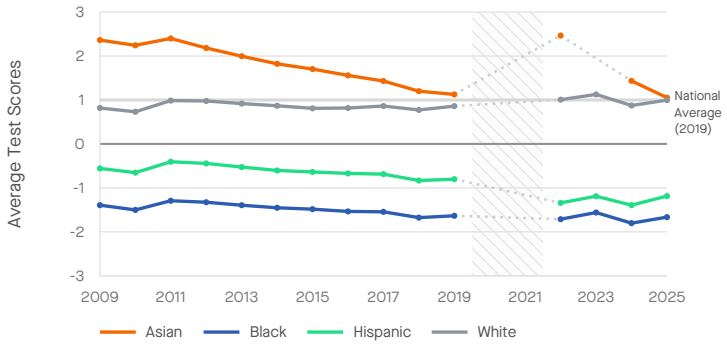

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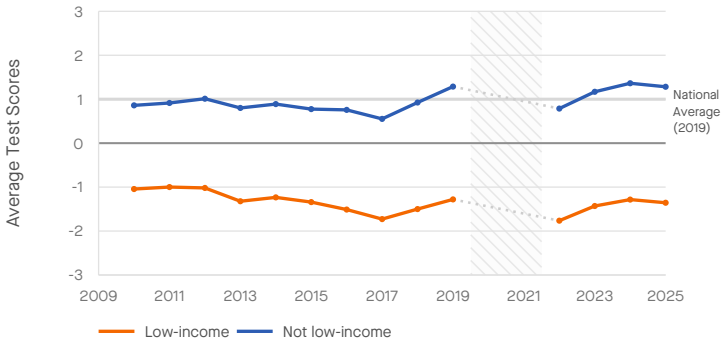

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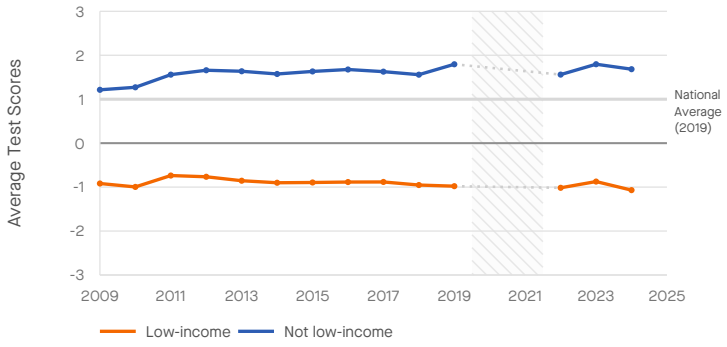

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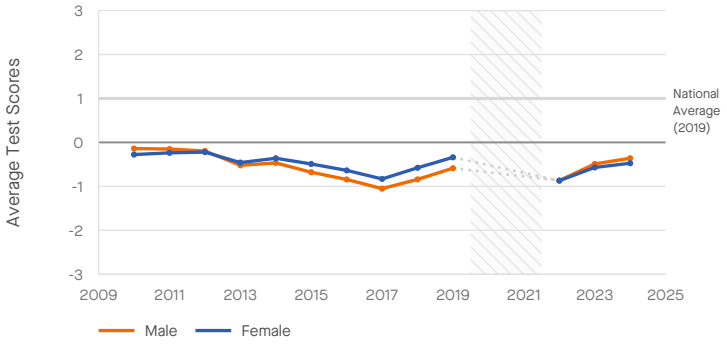

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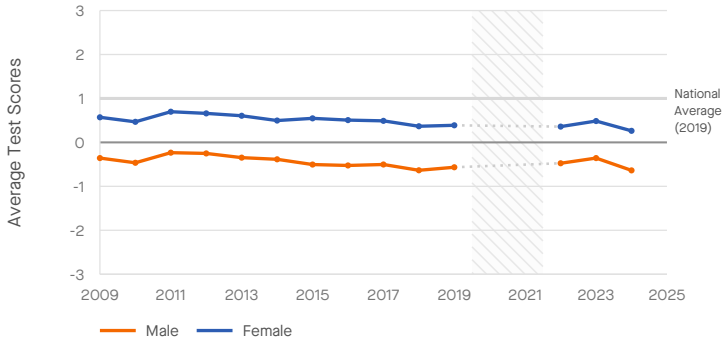

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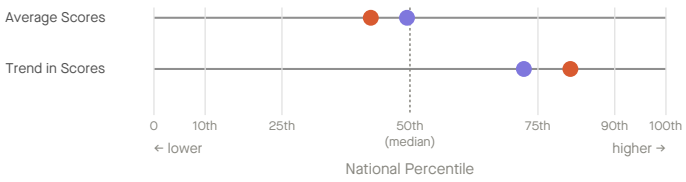
Academic Performance Rankings, 2022-2025, Relative to Other Districts in the U.S.

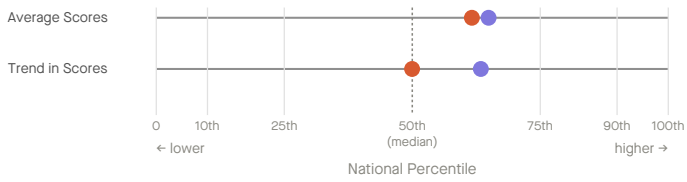
Math Ranks



	Average	Trend
Ouachita Parish	5,884 / 10,205 (42nd pct)	1,022 / 5,468 (81st pct)
Similar Districts Avg.	5,162 / 10,205 (49th pct)	1,518 / 5,468 (72nd pct)

Ouachita Parish ranked higher than 42% of districts nationwide in average math performance during the 2022-25 school years (5,884th of 10,205 districts with available data).

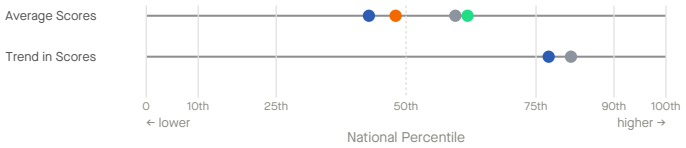
Reading Ranks



	Average	Trend
Ouachita Parish	3,866 / 10,076 (62nd pct)	2,839 / 5,673 (50th pct)
Similar Districts Avg.	3,537 / 10,076 (65th pct)	2,077 / 5,673 (63rd pct)

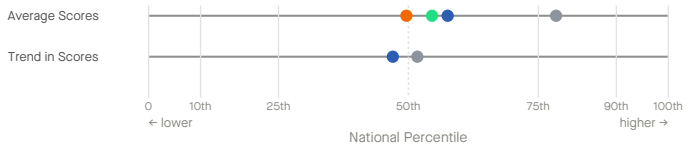
Ouachita Parish ranked higher than 62% of districts nationwide in average reading performance during the 2022-25 school years (3,866th of 10,076 districts with available data).

Math Ranks by Race/Ethnicity



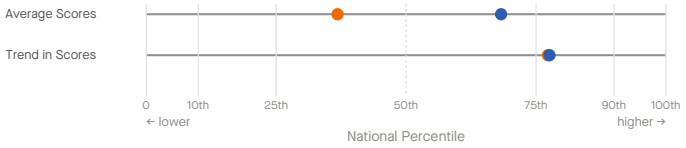
	Average	Trend
White	3,530 / 8,707 (59th pct)	656 / 3,582 (82nd pct)
Black	1,434 / 2,508 (43rd pct)	136 / 597 (77th pct)
Hispanic	1,751 / 4,583 (62nd pct)	N/A
Asian	837 / 1,608 (48th pct)	N/A

Reading Ranks by Race/Ethnicity



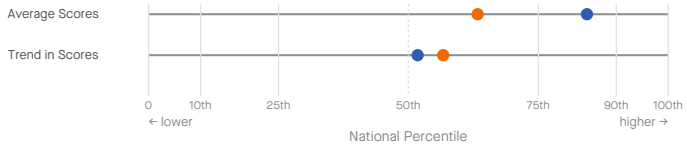
	Average	Trend
White	1,898 / 8,785 (78th pct)	1,903 / 3,941 (52nd pct)
Black	1,123 / 2,644 (58th pct)	389 / 733 (47th pct)
Hispanic	2,120 / 4,662 (55th pct)	N/A
Asian	828 / 1,642 (50th pct)	N/A

Math Ranks by Income



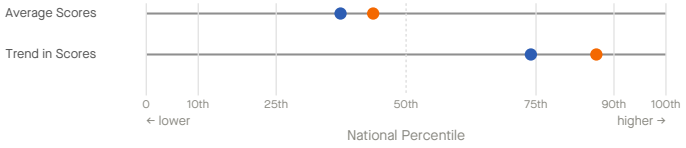
	Average	Trend
Low-income	5,609 / 8,875 (37th pct)	650 / 2,855 (77th pct)
Not low-income	2,694 / 8,489 (68th pct)	702 / 3,127 (78th pct)

Reading Ranks by Income



	Average	Trend
Low-income	3,298 / 8,987 (63rd pct)	1,381 / 3,186 (57th pct)
Not low-income	1,346 / 8,596 (84th pct)	1,598 / 3,311 (52nd pct)

Math Ranks by Gender



	Average	Trend
Female	4,795 / 8,509 (44th pct)	432 / 3,219 (87th pct)
Male	5,321 / 8,497 (37th pct)	773 / 2,971 (74th pct)

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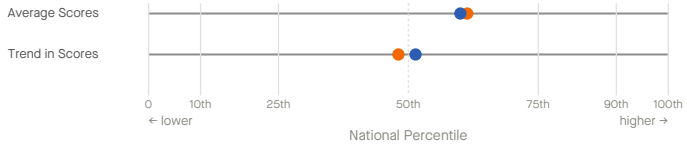

	Average	Trend
Female	3,355 / 8,670 (61st pct)	1,809 / 3,483 (48th pct)
Male	3,462 / 8,652 (60th pct)	1,663 / 3,418 (51st pct)

Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

Average Grades 3-8 Learning Rates, 2022-2025, by District Socioeconomic Status

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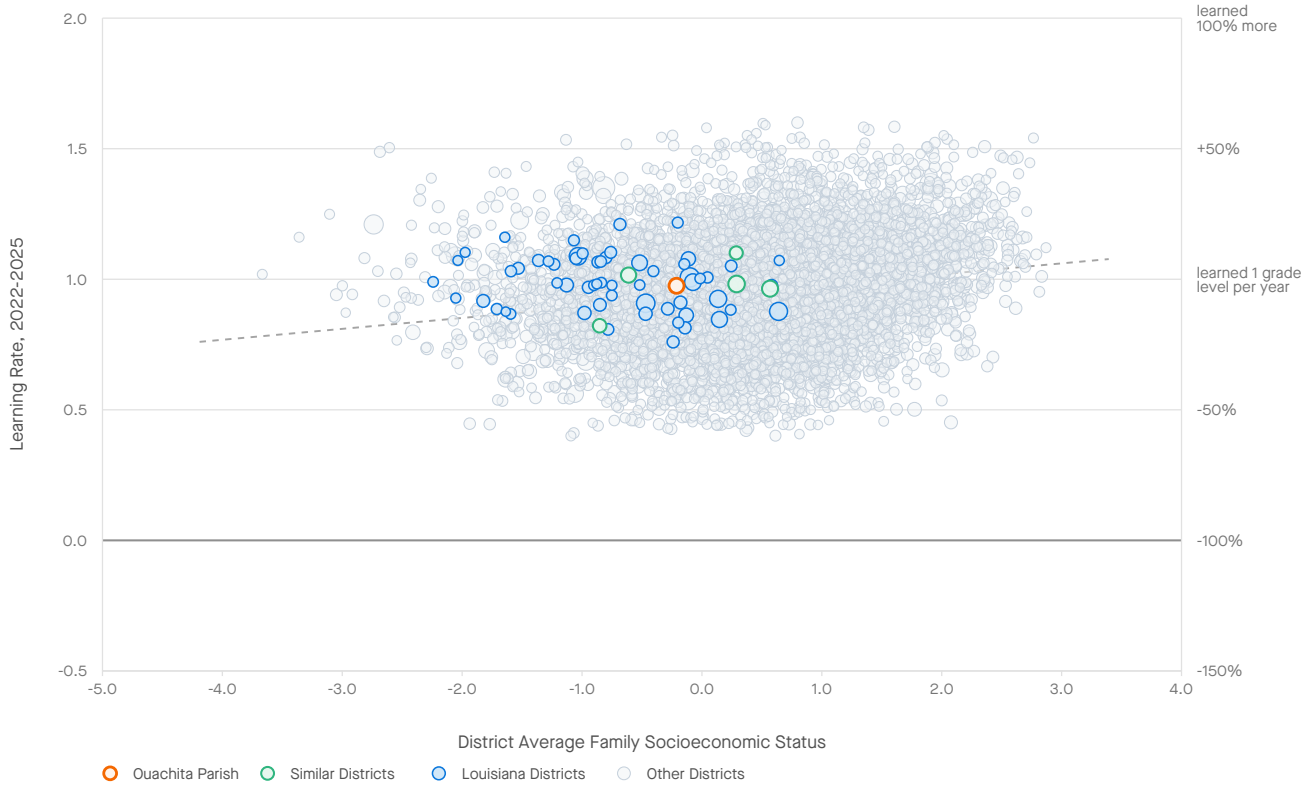

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Learning Rates and Trends, 2022-2025

ALL STUDENTS

	2022-2025 Learning Rate	2022-2025 Trend in Learning Rates
Ouachita Parish	0.98	0.01
Similar Districts Avg.*	0.98	-0.05
Louisiana	0.97	-0.03

Learning rates are measured in grade levels of skills gained per year and are averaged over math and reading. The national average learning rate is 1.0. For example, the first row above reads: "Students in Ouachita Parish learned an average of 0.97 grade levels/year during 2022-2025. Learning rates in Ouachita Parish have been changing at a rate of +0.01 grade levels/year since 2022."

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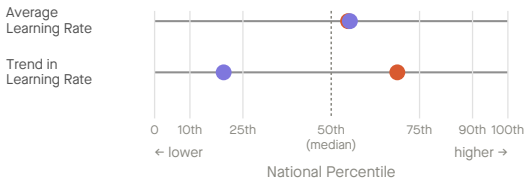
Learning Rate Rankings



	Average	Trend
Ouachita Parish	3,686 / 8,147 (55th pct)	1,899 / 6,065 (69th pct)
Similar Districts Avg.	3,644 / 8,147 (55th pct)	4,880 / 6,065 (20th pct)

Ouachita Parish ranked higher than 55% of districts nationwide in average learning rates during the 2022-25 school years (3,686th of 8,147 districts with available data).

Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

Trends in Average Grade 3-8 Learning Rates, 2009-2025, by Student Subgroup

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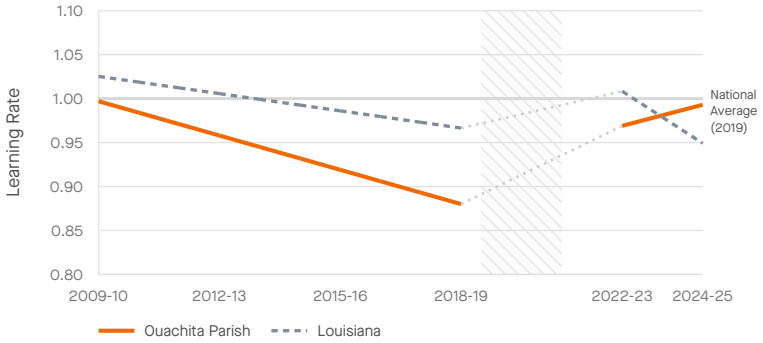
Trend in Learning Rates (All Students)



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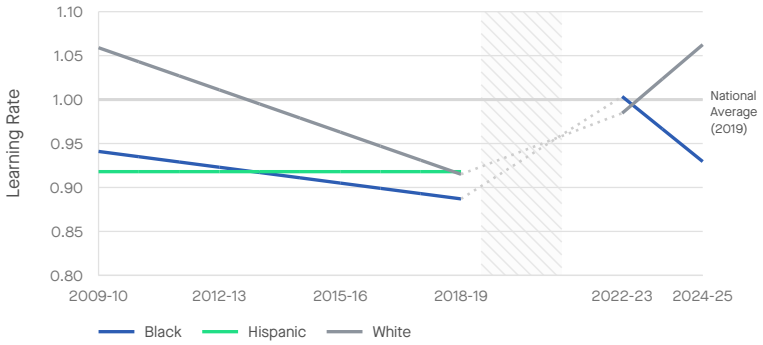

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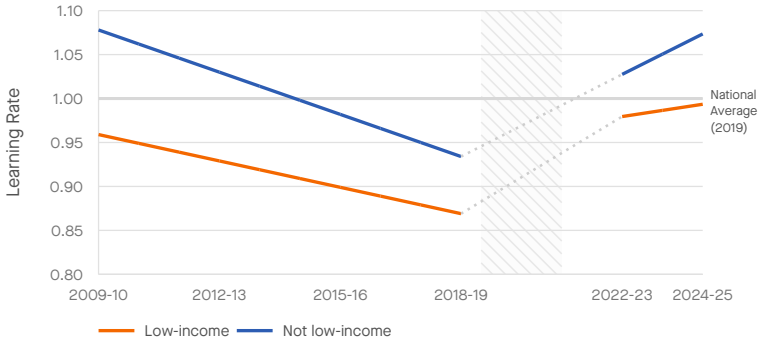

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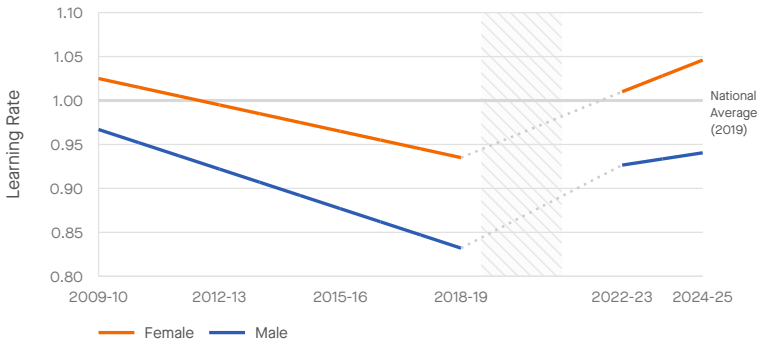

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Trends in Chronic Absenteeism

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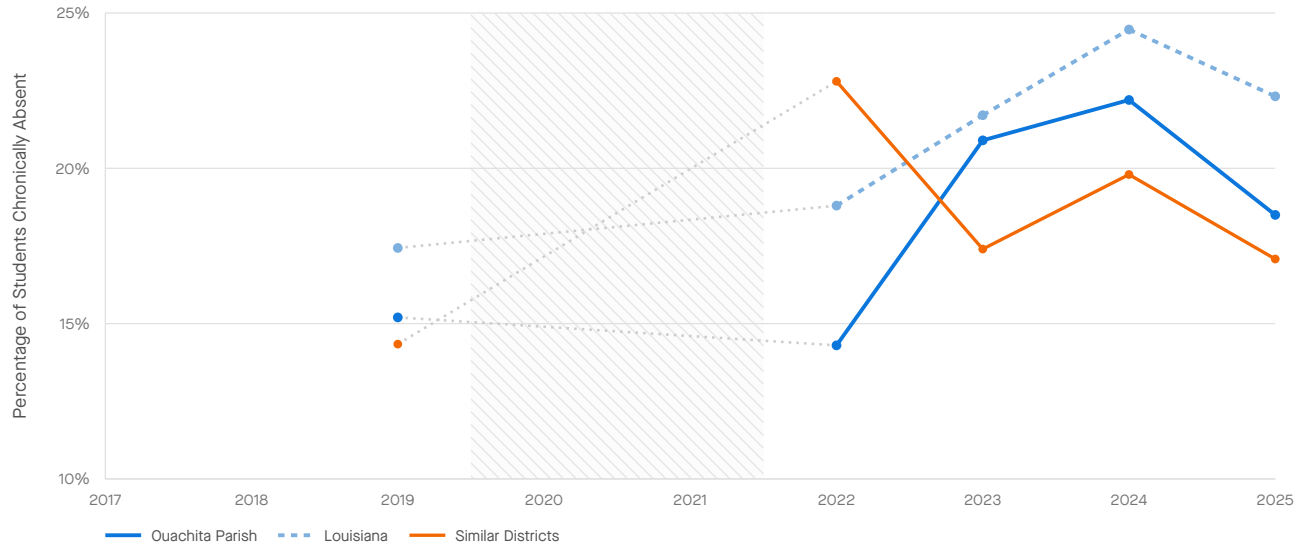
Trends in Chronic Absenteeism



Trends in Chronic Absenteeism

ALL STUDENTS

	2017-2019 Avg. Chronic Absenteeism	2022-2025 Avg. Chronic Absenteeism	Change
Ouachita Parish	15.2	19.0	+3.8
Similar Districts Avg.*	14.3	19.3	+4.9
Louisiana	17.4	21.8	+4.4

*Similar districts are the nearest matches within the same state based on socioeconomic status, demographics, and size. Similar districts for Ouachita Parish are St. Charles Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, Ascension Parish, Iberia Parish, and Livingston Parish.

Absenteeism data courtesy of Nat Malkus, American Enterprise Institute.

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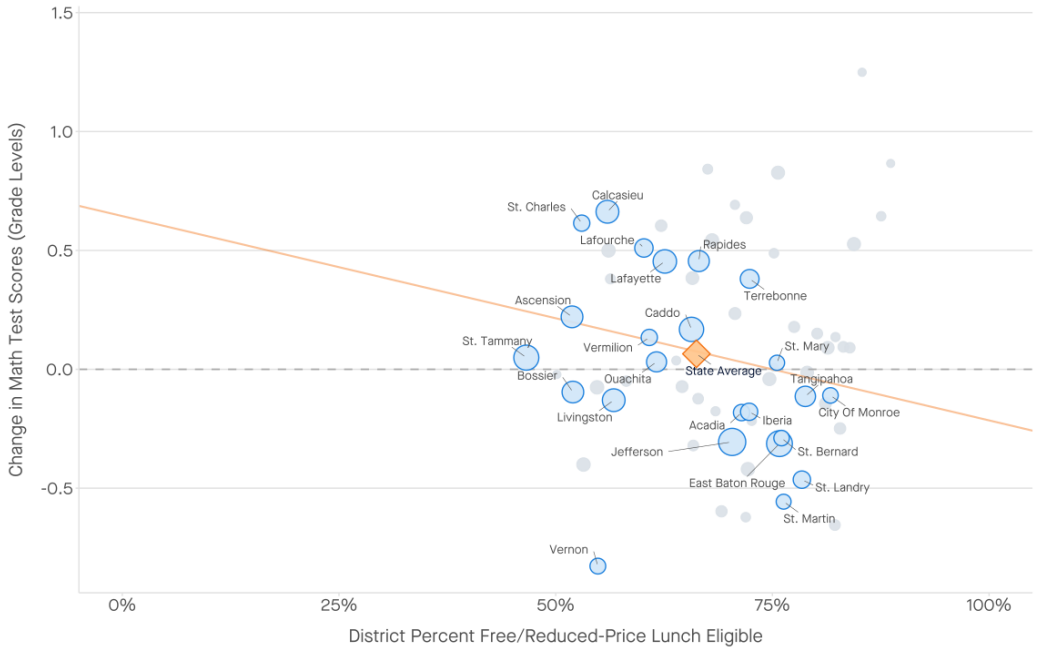

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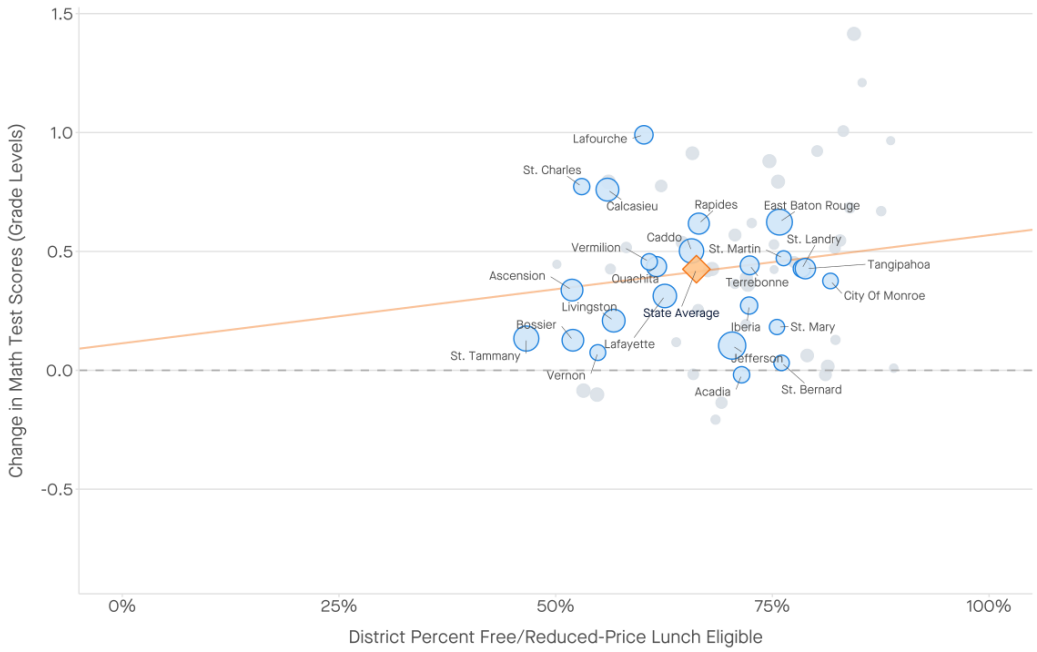

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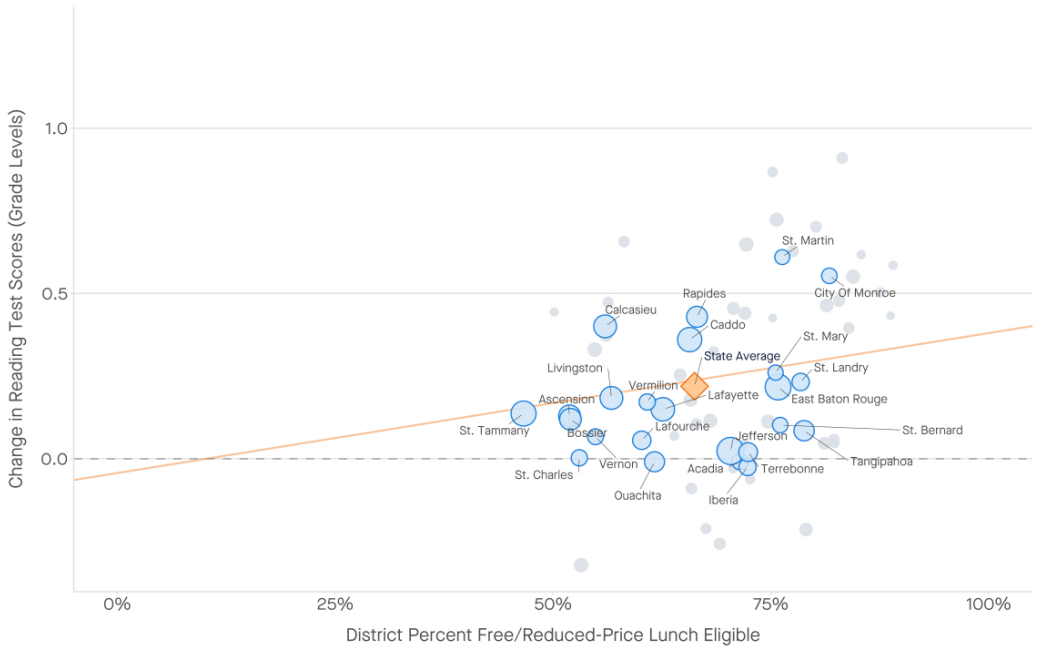

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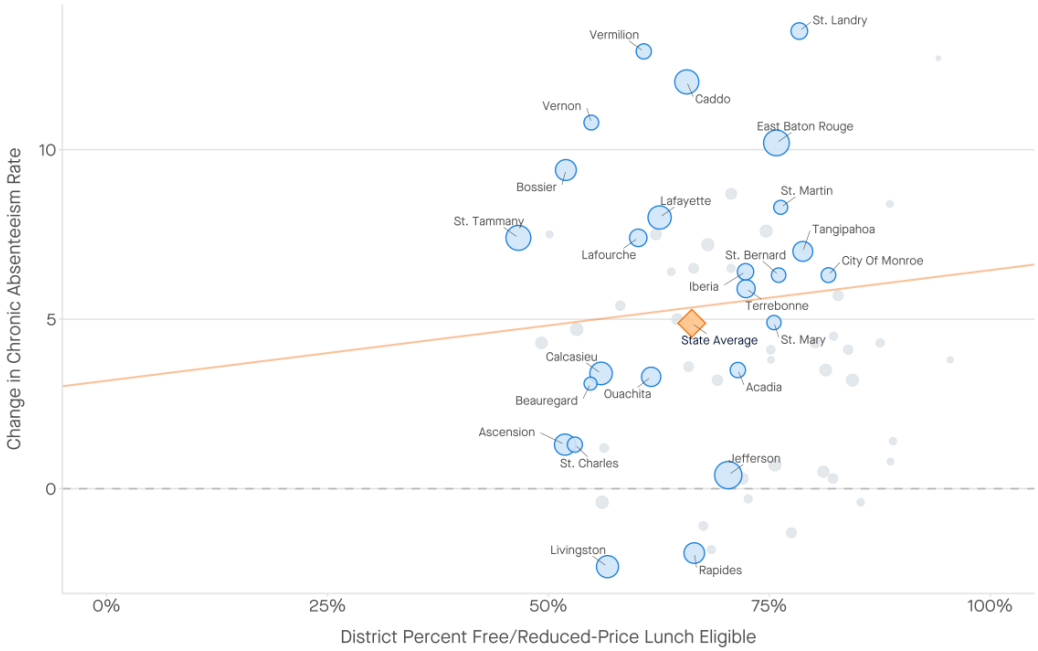

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