

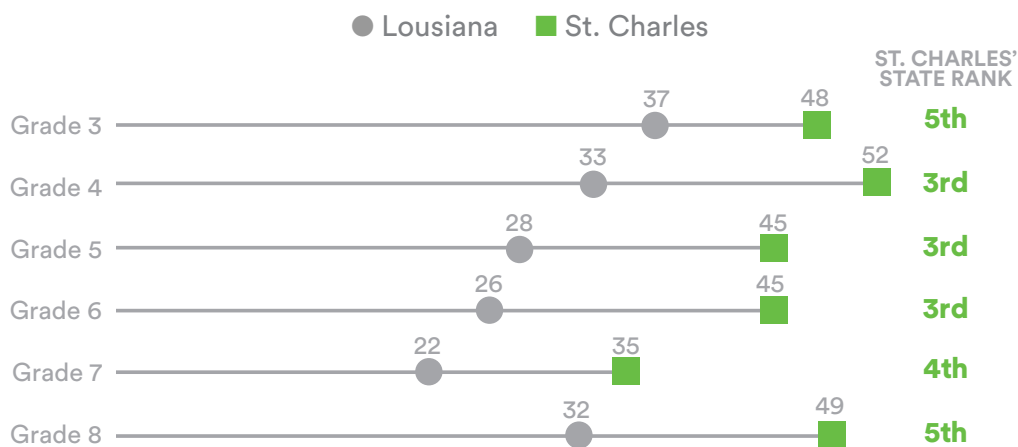
# St. Charles, LA Schools Shine on PARCC Test

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Students in St. Charles Parish (LA) public schools far outperformed the Louisiana averages on the recent Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) mathematics test. And district officials say a major factor is that they started using *Eureka Math* in all schools starting in the fall of 2014.

St. Charles ranked between third and fifth statewide in the percentage of students scoring *mastery and above* on the tests and outperformed the state average by between 11 and 19 percentage points, depending on the grade.

## Percentage Scoring Mastery and Above on PARCC Math Tests, 2015



St. Charles also outpaced the statewide average by between 12 and 22 points in the percentage of students scoring *basic and above* on the PARCC math tests.

“We are very excited about our students’ scores and attribute those to the focused instruction provided by our teachers and the ongoing support that we received from Great Minds throughout the 2014–15 school year,” said Rachel J. Allemand, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. The district, west of New Orleans, has more than 9,800 students, 52 percent of whom are considered low-income (free and reduced-price lunch).

Nationally, 5 million students in 11 states and the District of Columbia took the PARCC test in the spring of 2015. PARCC is one of two national testing consortia created to help measure student performance on the more rigorous college- and career-ready standards adopted by the vast majority of states in 2009.