

SUCCESSSES

- ◆ Bond passed for \$21.5 million to renovate Leesville High School
- ◆ Approval granted for a \$2 million renovation to South Polk Elementary
- ◆ Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children signed July 2009
- ◆ Vernon and Beauregard Parish School Districts signed the Memorandum of Agreement
- ◆ Three schools in Beauregard Parish - DeRidder High School, DeRidder Junior High School, and South Beauregard High School are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
- ◆ Vernon Parish is a member of the Military Child and Education Coalition; Fort Polk is a charter member
- ◆ Five Military Life Consultants have been contracted for 7 schools



SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

School Support Services provides access to a wide range of resources for school transitions. It supports the following programs:

- ◆ Transition Support
- ◆ Home School Support
- ◆ Parent 2 Parent
- ◆ Youth Sponsorship
- ◆ Partnerships in Education
- ◆ Post Secondary Education

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SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

The Youth Sponsorship program integrates military children into their new communities. The following schools have YS programs:

- ◆ Pickering High School
- ◆ Leesville High School
- ◆ Vernon Middle School
- ◆ Leesville Jr. High School

PARENT RESOURCES

Louisiana Department of Education: www.doe.state.la.us
 Online tutoring / testing: www.myarmyonsource.com/cysss_tutor - www.SoarAtHome.org - www.louisianapass.org
 Special Needs: www.wrightslaw.com
 Home School Information: www.homeschooling.about.com/

MILITARY / EDUCATION RESOURCES

Military One Source: www.militaryonesource.com
 Military Child Education Coalition: www.militarychild.org/
 Military Impacted Schools Association: www.militarystudent.org
 Army One Source: www.myarmyonsource.com
 Comparative Performance Data: www.greatschools.net

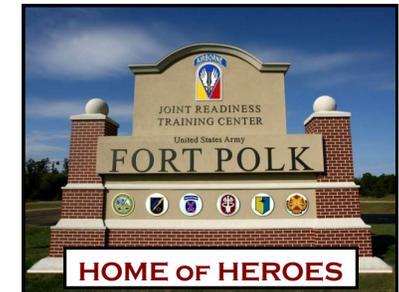
FORT POLK WEBSITES & FACEBOOK

JRTC and Fort Polk: www.jrtc-polk.army.mil
 JRTC and Fort Polk Facebook: www.facebook.com/JRTcandFortPolk
 DFMWR: www.fortpolkmwr.com
 DFMWR Facebook: www.facebook.com/fortpolk.mwr
 Guardian (Fort Polk's Newspaper): www.thefortpolkguardian.com
 Guardian Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Polk-Guardian/277260803399



JOINT READINESS TRAINING CENTER AND FORT POLK FORT POLK, LOUISIANA

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO QUALITY SCHOOLS



- ◆ Statistics indicate that the military students move an average of every 2.9 years. They may attend 9 different schools by the time they graduate from high school, so predictability in quality of schools is critical.
- ◆ Fort Polk students are served by the Vernon and Beauregard Parish School Districts. Both are governed by the Louisiana Board of Secondary and Elementary Education (www.doe.state.la.us/).
- ◆ While North Polk Elementary (PreK-1) and South Polk Elementary (grades 2-4) are located on the installation, they are operated as Local Education Agency (LEA) schools, not Department of Defense Education Agency (DoDEA) Schools.
- ◆ Schools are governed locally by the parish school board. The Garrison Commander is an ex-officio member of the Vernon Parish School Board.
- ◆ Private and home schools are other educational options.

School Liaison Office
531-9481/6673

SUCCESSSES

VERNON PARISH SCHOOLS

Superintendent: Jackie Self

Web: www.vpsb.k12.la.us

East Leesville Elementary	53	10%
West Leesville Elementary	78	17%
Rosepine Elementary	128	15%
North Polk Elementary	718	93%
Anacoco Elementary	64	12%
Pickering Elementary	456	53%
South Polk Elementary	526	96%
Pitkin High, PreK-12	9	02%
Hicks High, PreK-12	27	08%
Simpson High, PreK-12	18	05%
Evans High, PreK-12	13	03%
Hornbeck High, PreK-12	17	04%
Vernon Middle	253	47%
Leesville Junior High	256	48%
Leesville High	390	44%
Rosepine High	64	12%
Pickering High	211	43%
Anacoco High	41	10%
Optional	2	23%
TOTAL of military children	3324	33%

Private: 360 students military % unknown
Home School: 204 students military % unknown



BEAUREGARD PARISH SCHOOLS

Superintendent: Timothy Cooley

Web: www.beau.k12.la.us

Beauregard Alternative	4	11%
K.R. Hanchey Elementary	48	10%
Carver Elementary	49	13%
Pine Wood Elementary	48	10%
DeRidder High School	55	7%
South Beauregard Elementary	12	2%
South Beauregard High School	7	1%
DeRidder Jr. High School	89	15%
East Beauregard Elementary	6	2%
East Beauregard High School;	5	1%
Merryville High School	11	2%
Singer High School	0	0%
TOTAL of military children	245	6%

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY

VERNON PARISH	BEAUREGARD PARISH
◆ Over 40% military or military-related students - \$5.9M Impact Aid for 2010 - 2011 school year	◆ Over 11% military or military-related students
◆ District wide accreditation in 2007	◆ Working toward district accreditation
◆ Ranked 5th in the state for district performance scores	◆ Ranked 13th in the state for district performance scores
◆ Ranked 6th in the state for composite ACT scores	◆ Ranked 8th in the state for composite ACT scores
◆ Ranked 12th in the state for graduation rate	◆ Ranked 2nd in the state for graduation rate

DISTRICT AGREEMENTS



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

- ◆ Non-binding commitment by school districts that address transition of military students
- ◆ Provides predictability for the mobile military student
- ◆ Both Vernon Parish and Beauregard Parish are signatories

INTERSTATE COMPACT

- ◆ Legislative action adopted by states to address key transition issues encountered by military families
- ◆ Signed by Louisiana Governor July 2009

FEDERAL FUNDS

2010-11 IMPACT AID - \$5.9M

- ◆ Payment in lieu of property taxes to school districts serving military installations
- ◆ Department of Defense does not determine distribution of funds
- ◆ Minimum of 400 students or 3% of average daily attendance

2010-11 Three Year DoDEA GRANTS \$2M for Vernon Parish

Federal Funds in support of student achievement and professional development.

PARTNERSHIPS

Fort Polk has developed a growing partnership with the Beauregard and Vernon parish school districts.

Some of these include:

- ◆ **Adopt A School** - Military unit volunteers in the schools
- ◆ **Army Community Covenant** - Military partnerships that include school support
- ◆ **Army Family Covenant** - Supports School Liaison Office to ensure academic success for military students
- ◆ **Fort Polk School Liaison Board** - Civilian and military representatives that address school issues
- ◆ **Local Action Plan** - Military and school officials that address transition challenges and academic success of the military student
- ◆ **Military Family Life Consultants** - Licensed professionals that provide confidential non-counseling services and training to military students and Families

