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## **Rapides Parish Public Schools Show Marked Growth in District Performance**

ALEXANDRIA, La.-- The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) released 2024 performance scores today. The results show another increase for Rapides Parish Public Schools. The performance score for **the district increased from an 80.8 to an 83**. RPSB remains a B-rated school district, and this score marks the highest performance rating under the current accountability framework for the state.

Four schools improved by a letter grade in performance. There are now 27 schools in Rapides Parish that are ranked as an "A" or "B". 57% (25 out of 42) schools improved their overall school performance scores. 17 schools have been named "Top Gains" by LDOE.

**Last year, RPSB ranked 51st in the state for growth. This year, the district ranks 19th.**

ACT Index growth has been significant, with students across the district improving their composite score and also excelling on the WorkKeys assessment. RPSB is **20th out of 69 districts in terms of growth with the ACT Index**.

KEY INDICES			
	2023	2024	Change
Overall DPS	80.8 B	83.0 B	+2.2
K/HS Assessment Index	62.2 C	62.8 C	+0.6
K/HS Progress Index	89.1 B	88.4 B	-0.7
ACT	68.5 C	77.3 B	+8.8
Strength of Diploma	101.6 A	102.4 A	+0.8
Graduation Rate Index	95 A	94.6 A	-0.4

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- Louisiana has achieved its highest national rankings ever, moving from [46th to 40th on the U.S. News & World Report Best States ranking](#).
- [Louisiana's 4th graders led the country in reading growth](#) and economically disadvantaged 4th graders improved from 42nd to 11th in reading on The Nation's Report Card.