

DeSoto Parish, Louisiana

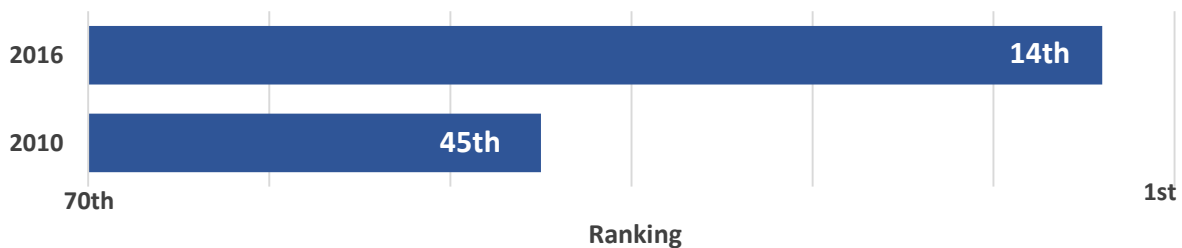
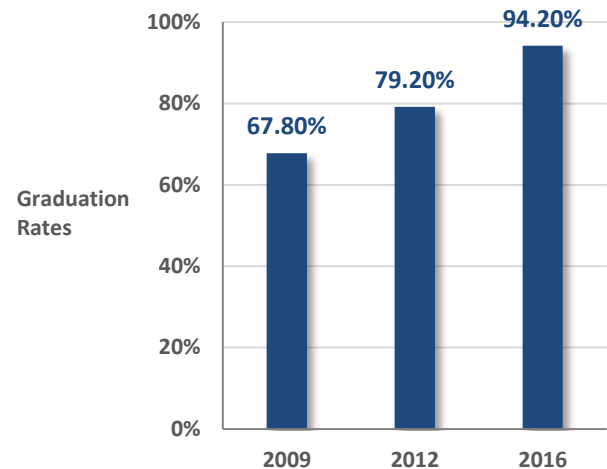


DeSoto Parish, located in northwest Louisiana, began implementing TAP: The System for Teacher and Student Advancement in the 2008-09 school year. The parish started the TAP System in two schools and it is now instituted districtwide.

The most significant academic successes are presented below.

Most Significant Academic Successes

- Labeled an "A" District by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- All schools are "academically acceptable" (no failing schools).
- Proficiency rates exceed state average for 1st time in history.
- Largest ACT growth in State of Louisiana (2016).
- Top 10 Louisiana district for improving SPED academic outcomes.
- Identification of Gifted and Talented Students up 100%+.
- National Institute for Excellence in Teaching "District of Distinction".
- National Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll (2016 & 2017).
- Rank 14th out of Louisiana's 70+ districts, up from 45th in 2010.
- DeSoto Out-of-School Suspensions decreased 48% over five-years.
- Graduation rates improved by 26.4% from 2009 to 2016.



These successes were accomplished with:

- a 16% workforce decrease from 2011-12 to 2017-18.
- a 35% revenue reduction from 2010-11 to 2017-18.

"Our partnership with NIET helps us to continue to improve educator effectiveness in DeSoto Parish, thus driving dramatic gains in student outcomes and opportunity."

– Superintendent Dr. Cade Brumley