

The Good Shepherd School by the Numbers

106

A RECORD NUMBER OF
STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED
FOR 2016-2017



Despite the socio-economic challenges that our students face, the nurturing care, coupled with the exceptional Nativity model education, gives our students hope and empowers them to thrive and surge ahead of the academic curve. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and the **numbers** speak volumes to the success of this proven model of education:

On-time high school graduation rate for African-American and/or low-income students:

- U.S. – 71%
- New Orleans – 70%
- The Good Shepherd School – **100%**

College enrollment for children from low-income families:

- U.S. – 46%
- New Orleans – 59%
- The Good Shepherd School – **96%**

Colleges and Universities that GSS Graduates are currently attending include: University of New Orleans, LSU, University of Louisiana Lafayette, Xavier, Rice, Loyola Chicago, Dillard, Cornell College, Southern Miss., Southern University, Florida A&M, University of Mobile, Louisiana Tech, and Southeastern Louisiana University.



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What Makes The Good Shepherd School Different?

Faith Based

GSS is explicitly faith-based in its mission and integrates religion into the curriculum including regular religious instruction, daily prayer, weekly prayer service, and Mass.

Innovative Curriculum

GSS is proud of our newly revised, technology rich, STEAM-infused curriculum, augmented by arts enrichment and intervention. Our small class sizes promote active learning followed with data-driven evaluation and assessment.

Serves the Economically Poor and Marginalized

GSS offers an exceptional education to students from low-income families from impoverished communities of the Greater New Orleans area, and reflects the faith and cultural demographics of the local community. 100% of each student's tuition is paid for by the community and benefactors.

Holistic Education

GSS addresses the academic, physical, social, emotional moral, and spiritual needs of each student, and helps develop the growth of the student in all areas.

Family Partnership

GSS involves the student's family in the education of the child and provides opportunity for the growth of the family. A part of that is the requirement for families to invest their time in school events and service opportunities.

Extended Day and Year

GSS extends the hours and days that a student is in session and offers structured opportunities for learning, enrichment, and growth during that time.

Graduate Support

It is the expectation that any and all students at GSS will graduate from high school and go on to college. GSS offers a Graduate Support Program that eases a graduate's transition into high school and college by maintaining a connection with all graduates, providing support as needed, and tracking the growth and achievements of all graduates.

Strong Leadership

GSS is governed by an effective administrative structure that includes a strong board comprised of leaders committed to the financial and academic sustainability of the school, and a working administrative team including a School President that oversees the Dean of Academics and Dean of Students who attend to the operational and educational stability and vitality of the school.

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Shepherding HOPE

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The Good Shepherd School is often the one stable, positive factor for many of its students.

- 100% of GSS students qualify for the federal free/reduced lunch program
- 40% of GSS students know someone who was shot or killed by gun violence
- 33% of GSS students have a family member who is incarcerated
- Over 90% of our students live in non-traditional households

OUR MISSION

We seek to empower low-income, urban youth to realize their full potential by providing them with:

- Extended day, year-round education
- Academics integrated with personal, moral and spiritual development
- Guidance throughout their further education

The Judeo-Christian values which have inspired the Nativity model include a respect for the dignity of each person, a responsibility to the poor, a strong sense of community within one family of God, and the obligation to promote social justice. Students are enrolled at GSS without regard to race, color, religion or ethnicity.

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- GSS consistently ranks in the top 5% of all schools participating in the Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) as published by the LSP Annual Report.
- GSS offers a rigorous core curriculum (STEAM - Science, Technology, English, Art, Math) enriched with coding and robotics.
- In 2015-16, GSS launched an iPad initiative allowing teachers to implement the latest technology into everyday lessons for the entire student body.
- In addition to core subjects, all GSS students participate in an after school enrichment program which integrates our curriculum into arts, music, dance, engineering, and athletics.
- Ongoing academic and social support for graduates is provided through the Graduate Support Program working directly with students in high school and college.
- GSS provides interventionists in math and language arts plus mentors and volunteers who tutor and serve as positive role models.
- GSS students benefit from a robust Social Services Support Program providing psychosocial support for its students and their families through the daily presence of a licensed social worker.
- Parent/guardian participation and investment in their children's education is encouraged with a volunteer service requirement and an activity fee each year. These components are designed to foster parental involvement and ownership of the education of their children.
- GSS announces exciting plans to expand to a new larger school site through the efforts of the Shepherding Hope Capital Campaign. Once completed, the expansion project will allow us to shepherd even more students to hope and a future of success.