

# Professional Qualifications

\*Meets minimum qualities in Bulletin 746

## Application Packets must include:

1. A letter of application
2. A current resume'
3. A list of three (3) persons as references (include addresses and telephone numbers)
4. College or University placement papers and Credentials

Natchitoches Parish has experienced record growth (28%) over the last few years in graduation rates (3rd in the state) and overall test scores. We are now a B district. We have a graduation rate average of 81, surpassing the state average of 74 percent. Natchitoches has worked extremely hard to change practices that would lead students to receiving a diploma within four years of entering high school. Our efforts (37.9) have consistently out-performed the state. (32.8) Natchitoches Central High School was recognized for its exponential growth by MSNBC. Growth has also occurred in the high schools' EOC performance. The EOC is an End-of-Course test that determines if a student graduates. The EOC also is used to determine the proficiency of students. Natchitoches is proud of the growth of 28 percent between the years 2009-2016. This represents growth in the amount of students reaching proficiency.

## Natchitoches Parish School List

Cloutierville Elementary/Jr. High School (K – 8)  
East Natchitoches Elementary/Middle School (4 – 8)  
Fairview Alpha Elementary/Jr. High School (PK – 6)  
Goldonna Elementary/Jr. High School (PK – 8)  
Lakeview High School (9 – 12)  
Marthaville Elementary/Jr. High School (PK – 8)  
Frankie Ray Jackson Technical Center (4 – 12)  
Natchitoches Central High School (9 – 12)  
Natchitoches Magnet School (1 – 8)  
Natchitoches Jr. High School (6-8)  
L.P. Vaughn Elementary/Middle School (Inf/Tod -5)  
NSU Elementary Lab School (K – 5)  
NSU Middle Lab School (6 – 8)  
Provencal Elementary/Jr. High School (PK – 8)  
M. R. Weaver Elementary School (PK – 3)



Natchitoches is also the home of the Northwestern Demons. Northwestern State University of Louisiana (NSU) is a four-year public university, with a nursing campus in Shreveport and general campuses in Leesville/Fort Polk and Alexandria. It is a part of the University of Louisiana System



## Natchitoches Parish is Seeking More Great Teachers!



Tameka Star began her work in education with the Natchitoches Parish School District in 2008 as a Special Education Tutor. She continued to assist various teachers and provide support within many classrooms in the role of a Paraprofessional until 2012. During this time, Mrs. Star recognized the call to teach. Mrs. Star was offered her first teaching job at East Natchitoches Elementary Middle School, where she would later become Teacher of the Year during the 2016 school year. Mrs. Star currently teaches at Natchitoches Junior High School and continues to instruct Sixth grade English Language Arts. Being selected as the 2018 Teacher of the Year representative for her current school as well as on the District and Regional levels is both humbling and rewarding and a goal she encourages all educators to strive to attain. Mrs. Star is also married to an outstanding educator, Tarrance Star. The two of them started in the system as support staff and now both have post graduate degrees that they earned together.

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Located in Central Louisiana on Interstate 49, Natchitoches (NACK-a-tish) is the original French Colony in Louisiana. The city retains its European flavor through its architecture, heritage and lifestyle. At the heart of this National Historic Landmark District lies Front Street, a brick thoroughfare where wrought iron balconies, restaurants and shops face the beautiful Cane River Lake. Louis Juchereau de St. Denis founded the City of Natchitoches in 1714, making it the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. Natchitoches, the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase, is even older than New Orleans and reportedly the third oldest city in the U.S. In 2005, the National Trust designated Natchitoches as one of the "Dozen Distinctive Destinations" for Historic Preservation. In 2007, Natchitoches was given a Preserve America Presidential Award. The city's Historic Landmark District, which fronts Cane River Lake and encompasses a 33-block area, includes many historic homes, churches and commercial structures. A mixture of Queen Ann and Victorian architecture along with Creole-style cottages can be seen throughout the district.



Aside from being known for its famous meat pies, Natchitoches is a charming landmark district with great shopping and numerous bed and breakfast establishments. Throughout the



year, Natchitoches celebrates its music, food and culture with events and festivals.

Annual activities include the popular Christmas Festival of Lights,



starting from mid-November through the New Year. Natchitoches' world-famous Christmas Festival is held on the first Saturday in December. The Christmas Festival of Lights includes a parade, entertainment, food fairs, arts and crafts booths, and massive fireworks over the Cane River Lake.



Natchitoches also hosts several other festivals throughout the year, including: Bloomin' On The Bricks, Jazz & R&B Festival, Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival, Cookin' On the Cane BBQ Competition and Festival, Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival, Cane River Zydeco and Festival Poker Run, Meat Pie Festival, and Return to the 50's Classic Car Show to name a few. There is always something to do in Natchitoches!

Robert Harling Jr., who is a native and resident of Natchitoches Parish, wrote the 1989 movie, "Steel Magnolias", which is based on a true story. The entire movie was filmed in Natchitoches.



Natchitoches Parish has some of the best teachers and administrators in the state including:



**Mrs. April Jessup Giddens**, a Master Teacher at Natchitoches Central High School, who was recognized as Louisiana's 2012 Teacher of the Year during the fifth annual Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Symposium and Celebration.

**Mrs. Felicia Price Pinkney**, Secondary Supervisor, who was featured on NBC Nightly News to discuss Natchitoches Central's distinction of being recognized as one of Louisiana's "Top Gains" schools. This honor is only awarded to schools that exceed the growth targets set by the state, and NCHS was one of only 440 schools to receive this award.

