

## \*\* BESE Unanimously Approves LPCS Expansion \*\*



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The Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) voted unanimously on Thursday, March 6, 2014, to allow Linwood Public Charter School (LPCS), a SABIS® member school in Shreveport, Louisiana, to expand the grade levels it offers.

LPCS is a public charter middle school that educates students in grades 6, 7, and 8. The school, which joined the SABIS® School Network in 2009, had a track record of underperformance until it was taken over and its management awarded to SABIS®. Since then, the school has distinguished itself as a beacon of excellence, recently earning the coveted "Louisiana Top Gains School" status for the second consecutive year following solid academic performance of their students on the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) tests.

*"The BESE approval to allow LPCS to open lower school classes will have a profound impact on the school,"* explained Ms. Vickie Carroll, LPCS School Director. *"It is a great acknowledgment to the work we have been doing and a testament to our success in delivering top-quality education in Caddo Parish."*


Equipped with the BESE approval, the school is initiating expansion plans for the 2014-15 academic year. LPCS will offer Kindergarten and Grade 1 levels in the 2014-15 academic year and will add one grade level each subsequent year until it reaches a K-8 offering.

Ms. Paula Franklin, LPCS Parent Connect President, attended the BESE Board Meeting with Ms. Carroll and exclaimed, *"I'm absolutely ecstatic about the new expansion of LPCS. I know LPCS and SABIS® will provide the best education [... and] help them gain higher academic achievements."*

As a provider of a top-quality education to a highly diverse student body, LPCS prepares all students for success in college, equips them with the ability and desire for lifelong learning, and strengthens their civic, ethical, and moral values.

A member of the SABIS® School Network, LPCS implements the SABIS® Educational System, a rigorous and comprehensive system of education emphasizing the core subjects of English, mathematics, and science. Tried and tested for over 127 years, the SABIS® Educational System has proven to be highly effective in providing students with a solid academic foundation and life skills that help them achieve success.

For more information about the SABIS® Educational System, visit [www.sabis.net](http://www.sabis.net). For details about LPCS, visit [www.lpcs-sabis.net](http://www.lpcs-sabis.net).

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