



School	Whole Brain Teaching at All Elementary Schools
District	Bossier Parish School System
Grade Level	Pre-K to 5
Content Area	All content areas
Description of Growth / Progress	Whole Brain Teaching through a dynamic partnership with Chris Biffle, Bossier Parish Schools has become the Whole Brain Teaching Capital of the World.
Verifiable Data Indicators	<p>Observation, Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)</p> <p>Improved state test scores in grades 3-5</p> <p>15 out of 20 Elementary Teachers of the Year use Whole Brain Teaching</p> <p>Amber Beach, Bossier Parish Schools Teacher of the Year and Semi-finalist for LA State Elementary Teacher of the Year uses Whole Brain Teaching strategies</p>
Strategies Used	<p>A few Bossier Parish elementary teachers and principals began attending the free Whole Brain Teaching seminars at Louisiana College in Pineville beginning in 2013. The attendees brought the strategies back to their schools and shared with fellow teachers. Interest grew amongst the teachers and principals. One of those principals was Julie Dupree at Apollo Elementary. She was promoted to Supervisor of Curriculum for grades 3-5 in June 2015. Julie encouraged all elementary teachers and principals to attend the free conference in Pineville in June. Over three hundred attended.</p> <p>The Bossier Parish Schools' Curriculum Department, led by Chief Academic Officer Tom Daniel, decided to bring in Chris Biffle for the August teacher in-services. The goal was for Chris Biffle to train all PreK-5 teachers in Whole Brain Teaching strategies. Mr. Biffle returned in November to work with middle school and high school teachers, and again for the January teacher in-services for PreK-12 teachers. He is so excited about the enthusiasm of the Bossier Parish educators that he has called Bossier Parish the Whole Brain Teaching Capitol of the World.</p> <p>Observation of classroom teachers using Whole Brain teaching in Bossier Parish shows an increase in student engagement and less discipline issues. State test scores have improved in grades 3-5 due to many factors which includes Whole Brain Teaching. The Bossier Parish Elementary Teacher of the Year, Amber Beach, has just been named as a semi-finalist in the Teacher of the Year for the state. She uses Whole Brain Teaching as one of her strategies. Also, fifteen out of the twenty Bossier Parish Elementary School Teachers of</p>



	<p>the Year also use Whole Brain Teaching in their classrooms. Amber will find out in June if she has been selected as the State of Louisiana Elementary Teacher of the Year.</p> <p>Bossier Parish Schools has partnered with LSUS and Caddo schools to sponsor the Southern National Whole Brain Teaching Conference at LSUS on July 19-21, 2016. Over 700 educators registered for this free conference in less than a week. Hundreds are on the waiting list. This conference is drawing attendees from all over the nation. Whole Brain Teaching is definitely a movement in Bossier Parish and in our nation! Teachers and students love it because it brings fun to learning!!!</p> <p>To find out more about Whole Brain Teaching visit the website www.wholebrainteaching.com</p>
Contact Person for more information	Julie Dupree, Supervisor, Grades 3-5, 549-6158 Tom Daniel, Chief Academic Officer, 549-5009