



The **CAN!** Academy High School  
of East Baton Rouge





## **OUR MISSION:**

**To provide a second chance for at-risk youth and their families to achieve economic independence and hope for a better life through relationship-based education and learning.**

## **CORE VALUES:**

- **All children are of immeasurable worth and value.**
- **All children can learn.**
- **Children learn best in a compassionate, positive and nurturing environment that builds self-esteem and teaches respect for others.**

## **OUR PHILOSOPHY:**

- **Discipline in private, reward in public.**
- **Rules without relationship breed rebellion.**
- **Behavior is based on need.**

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***Will my child be able to attend these schools?***

Your child is eligible to attend our middle school programs at Glen Oaks or Prescott Middle Schools:

- If he or she has repeated two grades and still needs to pass the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade LEAP 21 exam.
- If your child has been promoted to enroll in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade then he or she is eligible to enroll in our high school.

Students CHOOSE to go to these schools. There are no other special qualifications to attend these schools.

***How are the Can! Academies of East Baton Rouge different from Glen Oaks or Prescott Middle Schools?***

- Small schools. They will never have more than 200 students. In the first year, we will serve 150 middle school students.
- Student advisors who carefully monitor individual students and their personal learning plans. These student advisors will help students be successful in school. Each student advisor is responsible for only 50 students. This way they can give personal attention to each student.
- Unique Identity. The Can! Academies will be in one wing of the middle schools. We will have separate schedules, busses, lunch times and our own P.E. times.
- Instruction focuses on preparing students to pass the LEAP 21 exam and enter high school. We help students with the knowledge they are missing. We don't make them "do over" something they already know. The curriculum is "high interest" – the topics are meaningful to a modern student, but they still meet the requirements for passing the subject. There will be lots of opportunities to use computers and technology. The teachers will use many different styles of teaching.
- School day will have 6 hours of instruction and follow the standard East Baton Rouge Parish School System calendar. High school students will have 4 hours of instruction on campus and 2 hours of service learning at one of the local universities or in a real-life career setting.



## ***What was the thinking behind creating these schools?***

Growing school systems are always looking for unique programs such as those offered by The Can! Academies of East Baton Rouge. When East Baton Rouge Parish Schools received a large influx of students after Katrina, The Can! Academies of East Baton Rouge were invited to help accommodate the growing student population. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation wants to support schools that are smaller and of high quality.

The Can! Academies of East Baton Rouge will create two "schools-within-a-school" on two middle school campuses: Prescott Middle School and Glenn Oaks Middle School. The high school will occupy the former Baton Rouge Preparatory High School.

The thinking behind these additions to the EBRPSS is that smaller schools using a relationship-based program will serve the particular needs of students in their attendance zones. Your child will receive extra nurturing to help them succeed.

## ***Who is going to be the principal?***

Mr. Anthony Suttice is the Executive Principal. He will oversee the high school directly and supervise the principals at the middle school sites. At Glenn Oaks Middle School, the Principal will be Mr. Mark Comanducci. At Prescott Middle school, the Principal will be Ms. Claudia Batley. You can meet Mr. Suttice at one of the community meetings scheduled in April and May, or you may come by the schools in the summer.

## ***Will the teachers be certified?***

All teachers will be highly qualified or certified, and receive regular professional development to assist them in serving the needs of the students. The qualifications of the school staff will be aligned with the No Child Left Behind mandates.

## ***How big are the classes?***



The sizes may vary, but there will not be more than 20 students in a class.

## ***Will they wear uniforms?***

Yes, there will be uniforms. Students must wear collar shirts (colors to be determined) with khaki pants, shorts or skirts. Young men must wear a belt.

