

Title:

Dr. Cade Brumley | Louisiana State Superintendent of Education

Bio:

Dr. Cade Brumley has served as Louisiana State Superintendent of Education since 2020, bringing a "back to basics" approach that has driven historic educational outcomes. Louisiana students earned their highest rankings ever on The Nation's Report Card, with the state improving from 49th overall in 2019 to 32nd in 2024. Harvard and Stanford's Education Recovery Scorecard ranked Louisiana first in the nation in reading, second in math. The study also found that Louisiana is the only state where the average student has fully recovered academically since the pandemic.

Dr. Brumley also launched the Let Teachers Teach workgroup to prioritize teacher voice and reduce classroom disruptions, empowering educators to focus on instruction. His tenure has expanded educational freedom across the state, introducing Louisiana's first education scholarship account and increasing access to school choice options, including charter schools, home study, and learning pods.

A lifelong Louisiana native, Dr. Brumley has dedicated his career to improving the lives of students, serving as a teacher, coach, school leader, and system leader before being appointed to his current role.

Additional Details:

As State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Brumley has:

Advanced Louisiana's National Education Rankings

- Louisiana has earned its highest marks ever on prominent national education rankings. Louisiana PK-12 education has jumped from 46th to 40th in the U.S. *News & World Report* Best States rankings. On NAEP (The Nation's Report Card) Louisiana led the nation in reading growth and the state's overall standing improved from 46th to 42nd.

Positioned Louisiana as a Leader for Academic Recovery

- Harvard and Stanford's Education Recovery Scorecard found Louisiana to be one of only three states where reading achievement exceeded pre-pandemic levels. The state's math progress was praised as "remarkable" for surpassing the national average. Dr. Brumley also created the Louisiana Comeback initiative, a statewide, coordinated effort to recover learning loss caused by unprecedented disruptions from COVID-19 and five named hurricanes, ensuring students regain academic momentum.

Valued Teaching Professionals

- Dr. Brumley launched the Let Teachers Teach workgroup to develop common sense solutions to unnecessary bureaucracies and classroom disruptions that keep teachers from doing what they do best — teaching students. The workgroup was composed of over two dozen teachers from across Louisiana and developed a set of 18

recommendations used to create policy and guidance to improve working conditions for teachers.

Expanded Education Freedom

- Education freedom opportunities have become more abundant for Louisiana families, including the adoption of the state's first education scholarship account, LA GATOR. Louisiana has cultivated a strong portfolio of options including public charters, non-publics, and home-study programs.

Launched Reading Revival

- Dr. Brumley called attention to the reading crisis in his state and took action with a comprehensive plan based in the Science of Reading called Louisiana Literacy. The state's literacy policies have been recognized by national education experts such as ExcelinEd and the National Council on Teacher Quality.

Redesigned High Schools

- Louisiana is committed to personalizing high school for each student, guaranteeing them a deliberate handoff to high-wage work, higher education, or service. Louisiana's revised accountability system makes career education a foundational pillar and, for the first time ever, rewards schools when students complete work-based learning or enlist in the United States military. Louisiana's Fast Forward initiative allows high school students to graduate while simultaneously earning career credentials, apprenticeships, internships, associate degrees, or completing courses leading to a four-year degree.

Developed Freedom Framework

- Louisiana's newly adopted K-12 Student Standards for Social Studies focus on a Freedom Framework honoring the nation's achievements while recognizing its ongoing pursuit of a more perfect union.

Achieved Significant Gains on State Assessments

- Louisiana students have earned the most significant year-over-year increase in state assessment scores since 2016, with students improving in both English Language Arts and math.

Safely Returned Students to In-Person Learning

- Louisiana was among the first states to safely return students to in-person learning during the pandemic. The state's COVID-19 mitigation efforts resulted in the third most aggressive school reopening plan in the U.S., according to the American Enterprise Institute.

Supported Post-Hurricane Educational Recovery

- Dr. Brumley coordinated education recovery efforts through five named storms, including the second and third largest hurricanes in Louisiana's history, ensuring schools and communities were supported during the aftermath. Facilitated development of the LDOE's first Hurricane Preparedness Playbook to support school system leaders before, during, and after a hurricane.

Prior to joining the Louisiana Department of Education, Dr. Brumley served as Superintendent of Jefferson Parish Schools, the largest school system in the state with more than 51,000 students. Dr. Brumley also served as DeSoto Parish Schools Superintendent for six years.

Dr. Brumley holds a Bachelors of Science in Education from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, a Masters of Education in School Administration from Louisiana State University - Shreveport, and a Doctorate of Education in School Leadership from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. He has also completed several postdoctoral fellowships focused on improving student outcomes in urban environments as well as served as an adjunct instructor at multiple universities.