



STARBASE Louisiana Feedback



From Student Academy Graduates:

"I have two words to describe STARBASE – EPICLY AWESOME!"

Kelton

"STARBASE has changed the way I feel because I now know that every job has S.T.E.M. in it."

Peyton

"I felt like an engineer when we constructed things on the computer. STARBASE showed me that STEM is used in everyday life."

Mary

"STEM is a very big part in almost anything you do. STARBASE helped me develop the skills I need."

Lilian

"I loved being able to go learn things at STARBASE. The teachers make things easier to understand."

Anna Kate

"I never felt so happy and smart and special in my life!!"

Abigail

"I have a greater interest in science and engineering because I realize how much we can help our world!"

Tanner

I think STARBASE is inspiring. I had no clue I was good at engineering. In Science, they way they explained it helped me understand more."

Mary Frances

"This is the best place I've ever been in my entire life!"

Lemary

"I like to design things. The CREO CAD design program allowed me to do just that!"

Emily

"STARBASE made me feel like getting a career in one of the STEM subjects that I never thought of before."

Emma

"They have all this fabulous technology. The experience and learning was fun. I did not realize I was even learning. I love STARBASE!"

Mackenzie

"I liked the mentors helping us understand the some-what blurry things that we didn't completely understand."

Avery

I love how they interpreted the situation compared to how others would."

(STARBASE 2.0)

"I liked STARBASE because it gave me a self confidence in my education and my career pathways and choices later on in the future."

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(STARBASE 2.0)*

From Principals, School Administrators, and Participating Teachers:

"The program is a valuable addition to the 5th grade curriculum and does an excellent job of solidifying abstract concepts into concrete ones. The STARASE program provides high quality materials and experiences to all students. It is a great program, professionally run!"

R. Marlow, Principal Elm Grove Elementary

"Our partnership with STARBASE has been a very positive factor in encouraging our students to engage in the process of science. We are developing a culture in our school that encourages science exploration and excitement at all grades levels and with both boys and girls. In 2005, our standardized test scores in science for grades 1-8 was at the 55 percentile. Our 2011 science national percentile (after attending STARBASE) was 78.1."

J. Cazes, Principal, St. John Berchmans Cathedral School

"It was mind blowing to see the level of interaction and the level of comprehension that our students displayed. Every student without hesitation or reservation categorically and quantifiably loved the STARABASE experience and so did I! The entire faculty is to be commended for their unwavering commitment to excellence. High expectations exude from them and it is contagious!"

T. Burton, Principal, Cherokee Park Elementary

"All of the lessons were beneficial to my students. They seem to have a better understanding about how math and science work together. I really liked the organization of each classroom and the teachers. The lesson plans were well put together and all of the lessons were hands-on. STARBASE is an awesome program. I'm not sure what else could be incorporated to make it better!"

M. Rounds, Teacher, Cherokee Park Elementary

"We have seen the advantage our students have when they are introduced to concepts in the classroom they have already seen at STARBASE. The materials is presented in a way that students can go back at a later date and clearly understand the lesson from STARBASE."

A. Spinney, Principal, Princeton Elementary

"Some of these kids have rarely been out of their neighborhood. This program has helped me instill a better hope for their future... They have NEVER been exposed to this type of program."

B. Gaylean, Teacher, Meadowview Elementary

"All of the lessons were worthwhile! The hands-on approach to teaching made the lessons fun and captivating. There has been a huge improvement in my class's attitude toward science. Even the students who struggle with classwork were able to follow the program and succeed. STARBASE has given ME a number of ideas to captivate all of my students. The presentation of the material is superior to anything I've seen before!"
J. Evans, Teacher, Carrie Martin Elementary

"The STARBASE STEM activities reinforced what we are taught in our educational theory classes. It was affirming to see students who don't typically have academic success thrive."
L. Alexander, Teacher, Central Park Elementary

"The content and activities support higher-level thinking and discovery learning. The teachers appreciate the hands-on experiences that are engaging and demand rigorous examination and reflection. The students love STARBASE! It is exciting and their curiosity and love of learning is obviously nurtured. STARBASE provides learning experiences that are well-prepared and utilize resources not available in their regular classroom."
G. Colvin, Principal, Shreve Island Elementary

"The setting an instruction motivated the children to become "risky learners". They were not afraid to make mistakes, predict, and guess. This resulted in a great learning experience!"
M. Scott, Teacher, Cherokee Park Elementary

"The experiences and lessons learned helped students to better retain necessary skills. They also learned to work in groups and accept one another's differences and abilities. Thank you so much for doing such an awesome job. Not only did instructors teach students, they taught the teachers, as well!"
L. Harris, Teacher, Riverside Elementary

"The STARBASE experience has shown me that even as an adult you can learn things you thought were impossible! STEM became real for me! It tied everything together. Thank you for providing so many students with the opportunity to explore STEM. You have opened the door for many girls and boys!"
G. Perry, Teacher, Benton Elementary

"The STARBASE Louisiana program provides outstanding opportunities for pre-service teachers to see best teaching practices in action! They see content integration, classroom management, demonstrations, hands-on activities, teaching to a variety of learning styles, analogies, use of materials, higher-order thinking by students, positive classroom atmosphere, uncovering and correcting of misconceptions, content-related classroom decorations and bulletins boards, technology integration, both written and oral instructions, immediate and positive feedback, all working really well with real students. STARBASE brings all the college classroom activities and lectures to life!"

Dr. L. Easley, Director of Field Experiences – College of Education, Louisiana State University, Shreveport.

From the Parents:

"I think STARBASE is a priceless program for inspiring students and sharing with them real-world opportunities and applications for principles they will learn in school."
Parent of Grayson N., First Baptist Church School

"STARBASE made my son excited about learning. He didn't seem to notice his dyslexia at STARBASE which gave him more confidence and helped him feel more successful."
Parent of Trey S., Princeton Elementary

"STARBASE teaches children to think outside of the box and that it is okay to ask questions."
Parent of Angel B., Keithville Elementary

"Not all students are as lucky to have these experiences at such a young age, especially when a lot of girls are shying away for STEM-based activities. Your program provides glimpses of different paths that they can use later in life when deciding their future."
Parent of Maddie P., Riverside Elementary

"I haven't seen my child more excited about any school activity more than STARBASE!"
Parent of K. Samuel, Southern Hills Elementary

"My child received an opportunity to learn and discover new ideas and careers. She seems intrigued and has seen possibilities for her future. She learned what engineers do. She witnessed a different culture. This is PRICELESS!"
Parent of K. Youngblood, Shreve Island Elementary

"STARBASE taught my child that you might not "get " something on your first attempt . . . but if you keep working you will understand and even find the practical application to it!"
Parent of Tobin W., Curtis Elementary

"STARBASE allowed them to apply the concepts they are learning instead of just learning from a textbook. It made learning fun and a hands-on experience. The kids loved the experiments!"
Parent of Gavin M., Benton Elementary

"Wesley was more excited about STARBASE than I have seen him in a long time. He came home telling me that he would like to be an Engineer and talked so excitedly about it. Thank you for allowing kids to see what they are capable of."

Parent of Wesley A., Kinston Elementary