



## 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 skill I need." *Lilian*
- "I loved being able to go learn things at STARBASE. The teachers make things easier to understand." *Anna Kate*
- "I feel very confident now because I have learned so many new things that I didn't know." *Jaycie*
- "STARBASE explained things in a way that we can understand." *Madison*
- "STARBASE helped prepare me for STEM lessons and activities when I get in upper grades." *Keundrea*
- "I have never in my life had so much fun learning!" *Hayli*
- "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.  
I love how they interpreted the situation compared to how others would." *Avery (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." *Dalton (STARBASE 2.0)*

### ***From Principals, School Administrators, and Participating Teachers:***

- "The program is a valuable addition to the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 School**
- "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 Catholic 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 !! 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 School**
- "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 School**
- "I like that every student can be a part of all activities. No time is lost so kids don't get bored. The kids realize that all subjects go hand & hand with one another." **K. Hawn, Teacher, W.T. Lewis 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**

"On coming to STARBASE, the students are finally seeing how STEM is useful in their lives. The attention and praise they experienced has helped raise their confidence. Some students have even shown improvement in the classroom away from STARBASE. This was an awesome experience for me and my students." **S. Prueett, Teacher, Kerr 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**

"It's an honor to be able to take our students to a well-run, highly-organized educational experience. Our students will be sharing their STARBASE experience for years to come!" **M. Weddleton, Teacher, Mooringsport Elementary**

"STARBASE is a great reminder that almost every concept can be taught in an interactive way. The way the missions engage the students is amazing! All the staff was great at accommodating my kids and their disabilities so they were really able to have a positive STARBASE experience. The teachers included every student, which is not always easy!"

**J. Tong, Special Education Teacher, Curtis 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 bulletin 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 in the STARBASE environment 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**

"I teach middle and high school science in a local school. Many times, when I have a project or lab with the students, they tell me they did something similar at STARBASE, and they remember the concepts that have been taught! Thanks for making my job easier!" **Parent of Allison, Apollo Elementary School**

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

"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 School**

"Three of my children have completed the STARBASE program. They all STILL talk about it several years later!" **Parent of Ella S., Legacy 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**

"STARBASE is inspiring young minds and promoting future interests in the STEM fields by creating an awesome experience." **Parent of Eric M., Legacy Elementary**