
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD MEMBERS
TIM WYROSDICK, SUPERINTENDENT

FROM: LIZ WEST
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

SUBJECT: BEST AND BRIGHTEST SCHOLARSHIP

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

It is requested that in the School Board Meeting on September 8, 2016 you approve the attached Memo regarding the criteria for instructional personnel to qualify for the Florida's Best and Brightest Scholarship.

If you have any questions concerning the Best and Brightest Scholarship, please contact me at 983-5108.

FLORIDA'S BEST and BRIGHTEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

September 8, 2016

It is respectfully requested that the Santa Rosa County School District School Board approve the criteria set forth for instructional personnel to qualify for Florida's Best and Brightest Scholarship Program.

Any person currently employed on the instructional pay scale who meets the requirements below would be eligible to apply for the Best and Brightest Scholarship provided that the State of Florida recognizes those employees who qualify as eligible based upon the following criteria AND that the state of Florida continues to provide ALL funding for the Best and Brightest Scholarship through a specific designated categorical funding allocation for all qualified employees recognized by the state.

- To be eligible, a teacher must:
 - Have a salary that is determined to be part of the instructional pay schedule.
 - Have received an evaluation of highly effective on the previous year's instructional evaluation.
 - Submit to the school district by November 1, official ACT or SAT documentation that the their composite score on the ACT was at or above the 80th percentile nationally or both the Critical Reading and Mathematics score on the SAT was at or above the 80th percentile nationally based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken.
- First year teachers who have not been evaluated must submit to the school district, by November 1, ACT or SAT documentation that either score was at or above the 80th percentile nationally based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken.
- Teachers rated highly effective may retake the ACT or SAT in order to earn the scholarship; however, the requisite documentation that they have met the current 80th percentile ranking must be submitted to the district by the November 1 deadline.

Timothy Wyrosdick

Date