

FLORIDA'S BEST and BRIGHTEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
September 18, 2017

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, 2017, official ACT or SAT documentation that their composite score on the ACT or combined score on the SAT was at or above the 80th percentile nationally based on the rank during the year the assessment was taken.
- First year teachers who have not been previously evaluated must submit to the school district, by November 1, 2017 documentation that either his/her ACT composite or combined SAT score was at or above the 80th percentile nationally, based on the rank during the year the assessment was taken.
- "Super Scoring" of tests where the highest subtest score is taken from multiple tests to get the highest possible composite score is allowable.
- 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, 2017 deadline.

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Date