
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD MEMBERS
TIM WYROSDICK, SUPERINTENDENT

FROM: LIZ WEST
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

SUBJECT: BEST AND BRIGHTEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

DATE: 12/04/18

It is respectfully requested that in the School Board Meeting on December 13, 2018 you approve the Memo regarding the criteria for instructional personnel to qualify for the Florida's Best and Brightest Scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year.

If you have any questions concerning the Best and Brightest Scholarship Program for 2018-19, please call me at 983-5108.

FLORIDA'S BEST and BRIGHTEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
December 4, 2018

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 classroom teacher currently employed by Santa Rosa County School District 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:
 - Meet the definition of *classroom teacher* as defined in 1012.01(2)(a) of Florida Statute.
 - The determination of the classroom teacher's position is based on the position he/she fills in accordance with the current year's staffing allocation.
 - Have received an evaluation of Highly Effective on the previous year's instructional evaluation.
 - Submit to the school district by December 1, 2018, 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 December 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.
- Classroom Teachers who do not have the required ACT or SAT score but received a Highly Effective evaluation during the 2017-18 school year are eligible for a \$1200.00 bonus.
- Classroom Teachers who do not have the required ACT or SAT score but received an Effective evaluation during the 2017-18 school year are eligible for an \$800.00 bonus.

Timothy Wyrosdick

Date