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Action By: April 12, 2013
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TO: All Principals and Area Superintendents
FROM: Nat Harrington, Chief Public Information Officer
SUBJECT: 2012-13 GOLDEN AND SILVER SCHOOL AWARDS 

Each year the Florida Department of Education presents the Golden and Silver School Awards to recognize exemplary volunteer programs that promote parent and community involvement in education.


The Golden School Award is presented to all schools. The Silver School Award is only presented to secondary schools. Applications for the 2012-13 awards contain criteria that must be documented. Achievement of the Golden School Award is a prerequisite for the Five Star School Award.

The application forms are attached to this bulletin and are also available on the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) website: <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/pao/Volunteers/GoldenandSilverSchoolAward.asp>
Schools must submit applications, via pony, no later than April 12, 2013, to the Office of Community Involvement, 3300 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite B-102 no later than April 12, 2013.

For further information, please contact Debi Efen at 561-434-8789 or PX 48789.

EWG/NH/DE:jc
Attachments

Approved: _____


E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent

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2013 GOLDEN SCHOOL AWARD APPLICATION

Please return this form as soon as possible and no later than April 12, 2013, by **PONY** to:

Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)
Fulton-Holland Educational Services Center, Suite B-102
Attn: Debi Elfen, VIPS Coordinator

Name of school _____

In order to be eligible to receive this award, three criteria must be satisfied:

- 1) A minimum of 80% of the school staff participated in training related to school volunteerism during the 2012-13 school year. (Attach a copy of the faculty/staff meeting agenda.)

Date _____

Presented by _____

- 2) A school volunteer coordinator is designated and trained for recruitment, placement, training, and supervision.

Name of trained School Volunteer Coordinator _____

- 3) A total number of hours in volunteer service equal twice the number of students enrolled in the school. Any Volunteer activity that contributes to student improvement may be counted. *This can include fundraising.

Number of students enrolled _____

Number of volunteers registered _____

(Attach a copy of the tracking system report - **Volunteers: Statistics.**)

Total Volunteer hours during the 2012-13 school year* _____

(Volunteer service hours April - June 28, 2013, should be estimated.)

*Documentation of volunteer service hours must be attached.

- 1) Print report from the VIPS Count! Volunteer Tracking System through March 2013 – report - **School Community Involvement/Volunteer Hours by Category.**
- 2) Calculate estimated hours for April – June 2013.
- 3) Add numbers to equal total volunteer hours for school year.

(Principal's Signature)

(Date)

*NOTE: Effective in 2012, there is no longer a limit of eight hours per day for volunteer chaperones for field trips (i.e., bands, plays, museums, Washington, D.C., etc.).

2013 SILVER SCHOOL AWARD APPLICATION

Please return this form as soon as possible and no later than April 12, 2013, by **PONY** to:

Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)
Fulton-Holland Educational Services Center, Suite B-102
Attn: Debi Elfen, VIPS Coordinator

Name of secondary school sending student volunteers _____

Name of school receiving volunteer services (this may be the same school, an elementary school or another secondary school). _____

In order to be eligible to receive this award, the following criteria must be satisfied:

- 1) The sending school must have a school volunteer coordinator who provides coordination of the program, placement of students, orientation/training for the students and receiving staff, evaluation of student/program, and supervision of student volunteers.

Name of School Volunteer Coordinator _____

- 2) The receiving school must have a volunteer coordinator who provides coordination of the program, placement of the secondary students, orientation/training for the students and receiving staff, evaluation of student/program, and supervision of student volunteers.

Name of School Volunteer Coordinator _____

- 3) Student volunteers and the receiving faculty must both receive orientation and training.

Date(s) of training _____

- 4) The composite student volunteer hours must equal at least one half the total number of students (FTE count) in the sending school (e.g., 2,000 students – a minimum of 1,000 volunteer hours are required for eligibility).

Number of students enrolled in secondary school _____

Number of student volunteers _____

Composite volunteer hours _____

(Volunteer service hours April - June 28, 2013, may be estimated.)

- 5) Elementary schools are not eligible for this award.

Documentation of a volunteer's service hours must be on file at the school and available to the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) office, if requested.

(Principal's signature)

(Date)