



Community Involvement School Awards – Your OASIS Volunteer Hours Count!

School volunteers are extra-special people who are committed to making schools the best they can be. They offer special attention and caring that can inspire students to reach for and realize their dreams. Each and every volunteer hour a school receives helps them to earn The Florida Department of Education's Golden and Silver School Awards and the Five Star School Award. These prestigious annual awards are given in an effort to recognize exemplary school programs which promote parent and community involvement in education.

The **Golden School Award** is presented to recognize elementary, secondary, and adult schools that meet the following criteria:

1. The total number of hours of volunteer service during the school year equals twice the number of students enrolled in the school. Any volunteer activity that contributes to student improvement may be counted. This can include fund-raising.
2. A minimum of 80 percent of the school staff participated in training related to school volunteerism.
3. A school volunteer coordinator is designated for recruitment, placement, training, and supervision.

The **Silver School Award** is presented to recognize secondary schools that provide exemplary services to elementary and secondary schools that meet the following criteria:

1. The composite student volunteer hours must equal at least one half the total number of students (FTE count) in the sending school (i.e., 2,000 students - 1,000 volunteer hours.)
2. The sending school must have a school volunteer coordinator who provides coordination of the program, placement of students, orientation/training for the receiving staff, student/program evaluation, and student volunteer supervision.
3. The receiving school must have a volunteer coordinator who provides coordination of the program, placement of the secondary students, orientation/training for the receiving staff, student/program evaluation, and student volunteer supervision.
4. Student volunteers and the receiving faculty must both receive orientation and training.
5. Elementary schools are not eligible for this award.

The **Five Star School Award** - Both the letter and spirit of the school improvement and accountability legislation are built upon the active involvement of parents, guardians, business people, and other community members in an effort to improve Florida's schools. The legislative intent is to return the responsibility for education to those closest to the students. That is the schools, teachers, and parents. Recognizing that the involvement of the community is vital to student success, the Commissioner of Education and the former Commissioner's Community Involvement Council established the Five Star School Award.

This symbol of achievement is presented each year to those schools that have shown evidence of exemplary community involvement. Eligible schools are designated annually and must be renewed each year. Schools that achieve this designation will receive the Florida Department of Education's highest award for community involvement.

In order to qualify for this award, a school must achieve 100% of the criteria in the categories of Business Partnerships, Family Involvement, Volunteers, Student Community Service, and School Advisory Councils. The school must have a portfolio that documents the achievement in each area.

A school must have a grade of "C" or above for the school year to qualify for the Five Star School Award.