

Five Star School Award

Since it was established by the Florida Department of Education in 1994, the Five Star School Award has been bestowed upon those schools that demonstrate exemplary involvement of the following groups in supporting student achievement:

- Business and Community Partners
- Families
- Volunteers
- Students
- School Advisory Councils

The award also serves as an assessment tool for schools to measure the success of their programs and identifies schools with programs that serve as models for other schools.

To qualify for the award, a school must complete an application and portfolio to demonstrate that it has met 31 criteria in the areas of community and business partnerships, family involvement, volunteerism, student community service efforts, and initiatives of the School Advisory Council. Schools also must document volunteer hours, train at their faculty to work with volunteers, designate a volunteer coordinator and formally recognize their volunteers.

The applications for Five Star School Awards in the Sarasota County Schools are submitted through the district Volunteer & Partnership Office (VPO), which supports schools in their work with volunteers and business and community partners. The VPO is in turn supported by the TeamUP Volunteer & Partnership Council that is funded by the Education Foundation of Sarasota County. The mission of this Council is to support student achievement by creating public awareness, providing resources, and encouraging volunteerism through partnerships that link schools and communities.

Superintendent Lori White said, “The Five Star Awards reflect our community’s dedication to public education and to the efforts of our schools to engage and involve parents, community members, local businesses and organizations.” The Volunteer & Partnership Office and the TeamUP Council are proud to support district schools in meeting the rigorous criteria to earn the Five Star School Award.

2015-16 Five Star Schools

3rd Year

Sarasota Academy of the Arts

5th Year

Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences

6th Year

Atwater Elementary School

7th Year

Suncoast Polytechnical High School

9th Year

Pine View School

10th Year

Lamarque Elementary School

11th Year

Tatum Ridge Elementary School

13th Year

Cranberry Elementary School

16th Year

Gocio Elementary School

17th Year

Phillippi Shores Elementary School

18th Year

Glenallen Elementary School

19th Year

Fruitville Elementary School

20th Year

Englewood Elementary School
Lakeview Elementary School
Toledo Blade Elementary School

21st Year

Ashton Elementary School
Taylor Ranch Elementary School

22nd Year

Bay Haven School of Basics Plus
Venice Elementary School