

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 their faculty to work with volunteers, designate a volunteer and business partner coordinator, and formally recognize their volunteers and business partners.

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.

The VPO and TeamUP Volunteer & Partnership Council are so grateful to the staff members, parents, community members, local businesses and organizations that work hard together to make our schools the special places that they are. Immense time and energy goes into completing the criteria for the Five Star Award and we are proud of our winners for striving for the highest standard.

2016-17 Five Star Schools

4th Year

Sarasota Academy of the Arts

6th Year

Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences

7th Year

Atwater Elementary School

8th Year

Suncoast Polytechnical High School

10th Year

Pine View School

12th Year

**Laurel Nokomis School
Tatum Ridge Elementary School**

14th Year

Cranberry Elementary School

18th Year

Phillippi Shores Elementary School

19th Year

Glenallen Elementary School

20th Year

Fruitville Elementary School

21st Year

**Englewood Elementary School
Lakeview Elementary School**

22nd Year

**Ashton Elementary School
Taylor Ranch Elementary School**

23rd Year

**Bay Haven School of Basics Plus
Venice Elementary School**