

## **Explanation of Awards Parent Involvement Award**

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Do you have an innovative parent involvement program at your school? This award, sponsored by the Florida PTA, Washington Mutual and the Florida Department of Education, recognizes schools that develop successful programs to promote parent and family involvement in education. Two District winners, one for elementary schools and one for secondary schools, may be submitted to the DOE for consideration at the State level. All District winners are included in the DOE's annual publication of outstanding community involvement programs, the "SparkPlugs."

Each nomination should reflect an innovative practice for recruitment, training, and/or recognition of parents and other family members. These efforts may focus on parenting skills, removing barriers, communicating, volunteering, training at school or at home, decision-making, and/or collaborating with the community. Nominated programs do not have to be PTA related. Please note that documents attached to the application form will not be reviewed.

Please share the enclosed application form with parent group leaders, the School Advisory Chairperson and other interested persons at your school. For further information on the parent involvement award, please contact the Parent Involvement Coordinator by calling 754-321-1972.

### **Eligibility**

The nomination is to be generated by the School Advisory Council, with input from the school's PTA or parent organization. Entries must be school projects that focus on a specific school-initiated parent/family involvement program or strategy.

These could include innovative parent involvement strategies that place parent-training activities away from the school and in the community, workplace, church, or other convenient locations.

### **Submission**

For consideration in the Parent Involvement Award Program, an original and 6 copies of the complete nomination form must be received in the Parent, Business and Community Partnerships Department, Kathleen C. Wright Building, Floor 7 no later than: **Monday, February 22, 2010.**

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

## AWARD

### 2009 - 2010 OFFICIAL APPLICATION

Region I  II  III  IV  V

Elementary (PreK-5)

Middle/High (6-12)

District: **Broward County Public Schools**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Program Contact \_\_\_\_\_ District Broward

District Parent Involvement Coordinator: Paul Gress, Parent Involvement Coordinator Phone (754) 321-2040

#### SIGNATURES:

School Principal \_\_\_\_\_

School Advisory Council Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

PTA/PTO or Parent Organization President \_\_\_\_\_

District Volunteer Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ (District Winner Only)

Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ (District Winner Only)

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**Monday, February 22, 2010**

## Overview of Award

The purpose of this award is to promote and recognize innovative school practices that increase family involvement. Each school selected as a regional winner will designate a parent to represent the school in accepting the award during the Florida PTA Leadership Conference. Expenses for the school representative that will be reimbursed include: airfare over 200 miles, car mileage under 200 miles, two nights' lodging, and awards luncheon ticket.

## Award Categories

Entries will be judged in each of two categories: Elementary School (PreK-5) and Middle/High School (6-12). Statewide, there will be a total of ten winners. Each district may submit two nominations: one elementary and one middle/high school.

## Criteria for Selection

A nomination should reflect an innovative practice for recruitment, training and/or recognition of parents and other family members. These could include, but not be limited to, programs that address: removing barriers, parenting, student learning, communicating, volunteering, training at school or at home, decision making, collaborating with the community, and others.

Only information included on the form will be considered. Attachments will not be reviewed. Broward County will submit one family involvement program from each level: Elementary School (PreK-5) and Middle/High School (6-12).

## Judging

At the district level, the selection process will be organized by the Parent, Business and Community Partnerships Department. Nominations will be evaluated on:

- 1) impact on family involvement
- 2) ability to be replicated
- 3) relationship to the goals and objectives of the school
- 4) participation of parents/families in planning and implementation
- 5) uniqueness and innovation
- 6) impact on school improvement
- 7) numbers of parents participating in relationship to program capability to accommodate
- 8) cost
- 9) collaborative efforts

## Entry Deadline for Broward County Public Schools

An original and 6 copies of the complete nomination form are to be received in the Parent, Business & Community Partnerships Department, K. C. Wright Administrative Building, Floor 7 no later than 5:00 p.m. **Monday, February 22, 2010.**

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PROJECT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

Based on National PTA Standards

- Parenting
- Communicating
- Volunteering
- Student Learning
- Decision making & advocacy
- Collaborating with the community & others

**Facts and Figures**

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Project's mission: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Project's goals: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Project initiated by: Title I  ESE  ESOL  PTA  PTO  Other

Total school enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade levels served by project: \_\_\_\_\_

Number served by project:  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Students \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Community Partners \_\_\_\_\_

Staff size: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of volunteers needed to implement project:  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Students \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Community Partners \_\_\_\_\_

Names of community or business partners involved in project: \_\_\_\_\_

Major sources of funding: \_\_\_\_\_

Budget/project cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees for participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Site location: \_\_\_\_\_

Program hours: \_\_\_\_\_

