

## 2018-2019 Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program

The state of Florida created the Best and Brightest Scholarship Program (F.S. [1012.731](#)) to attract and retain high academic achievers in the teaching profession. This is a State funded program, with the District determining qualified recipients based on requirements defined by the statute.

### Important Dates

- **November 1, 2018** – Application and submittal for all required documents deadline
- **December 1, 2018** – District deadline to submit qualified classroom teachers to the Florida Department of Education
- **No later than April 1, 2019** – BPS payments to qualified teachers

### How to Qualify

#### 1) You must be a classroom teacher as defined by Florida Statute [1012.01\(2\)\(a\)](#).

- Classroom teachers are staff members assigned the professional activity of instructing students in courses in classroom situations, including basic instruction, exceptional student education, career education, and adult education.
- Guidance Counselors, Resource Teachers, Media Specialists, Social Workers, School Psychologists and Adjunct teachers are not eligible per statute.
- You must be an active classroom teacher with Brevard Public Schools at the time of the State submittal deadline (*December 1, 2018*).
- The District will verify the professional activity of instructing students using classroom rosters and classes taught.

#### 2) You must have received a 2017-2018 Final Summative evaluation rating of “Highly Effective”

- 2017-18 VAM (Student Growth) scores will be released by the State later this fall. After the District verifies the scores and adds them to the Instructional Practice Scores, then the 2017-18 evaluations will be finalized.
- Classroom Teachers who were employed by *another* Florida school district or Charter School during the 2017-2018 school year must provide official documentation that shows their 2017-18 final summative evaluation rating as “Highly Effective”.
- Classroom Teachers who are *new to the District*, and who were not evaluated during the previous year (17-18) in a Florida public school district or Charter School do not need to meet this requirement.
- First year Classroom Teachers who have not been evaluated do not need to meet this requirement.

### **3) You must have a qualifying ACT or SAT score based on the National Percentile Rank in effect when the assessment was taken**

- Composite ACT score at or above the 80th percentile
- Both a Critical Reading/Verbal and Mathematics score on the SAT at or above the 80th percentile, or a composite score (combined Reading and Math) on the SAT at or above the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Percentiles provided by College Board/ACT included below:
  - [SAT Percentiles](#)
  - [ACT Percentiles](#)
- Note: Individuals who took the SAT prior to 1973 should use the 1973 percentile information to determine whether they scored at or above the 80th percentile.

### **How to Apply**

You must submit all required forms and documentation to the District no later than **4p.m. on November 1, 2018.**

This includes the following:

1. [Application Form](#)
2. An official SAT or ACT score report (Note: Official High School/College transcripts that clearly show your score(s) fulfill this requirement)

3. Official evaluation document showing a final rating of “Highly Effective” if you are new to the District in 2018-19 and were a teacher in *another* Florida county in 2017-18 (*Classroom Teachers who received a 2017-18 final evaluation from BPS do not have to submit evaluation data*)

**The Application and all supporting documentation must be delivered no later than 4p.m. on November 1, 2018, in one of the following ways:**

- Via courier to Best and Brightest

or

- Mailed to Brevard Public Schools, Attention: Best and Brightest, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940

## **How to Obtain Your Scores**

### **SAT**

Order archived score reports by calling 866.756.7346 or by completing and mailing the [Archived Score Report Order Form](#). Please review important information regarding archived score report requests and processing time included on the College Board website

### [Request SAT Scores\\*](#)

*\*Please send SAT scores to yourself, and then send to the District along with your Application Form.*

### **ACT**

Replacement score reports can be ordered either by contacting ACT Student Services at 319.337.1270 or by using the [2017-2018 ACT Additional Score Report \(ASR\) Request Form](#).

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

[2018-19 Best and Brightest Scholarship FAQs](#)

## **Additional Information**

[FLDOE Memo](#)

## **Additional Questions?**

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