Florida Department of Education
Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction

State and National Recognition Opportunities for Outstanding Arts Education Programs

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Music and Visual Art Demonstration School Programs

Application materials are available at http://www.fldoe.org/bii/Curriculum/Fine_Arts/Awards.asp. Applicants may download the documents for the Music and Visual Art Demonstration School Programs and type directly into the forms.

Principals' *Letters of Intent to Apply* for the two Demonstration School Programs must follow application guidelines. These guidelines are specified in the Criteria section of the Program Description (attached) and in the Teacher Form that is available on the Fine Arts page linked above.

Completed *Letters of Intent to Apply* must be postmarked no later than **Thursday, November 4, 2010**. Completed *applications* must be submitted via DVD, postmarked no later than **Friday, June 17, 2011**, to:

> Dr. Linda Lovins, Arts Education Program Specialist
> *(Music or Visual Arts)* Demonstration School Program
> Florida Department of Education
> 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 432
> Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Please specify in the mailing address whether you are submitting information for the Music or Visual Art Demonstration School Program. Materials submitted for application to the Visual Art and Music Demonstration School Programs will be reviewed over the summer, and site visits by Dr. Lovins or her designee will take place during fall 2011.

Music Demonstration School Program

The Music Demonstration School Program, implemented in 1988, was developed by the Florida Department of Education in cooperation with the Florida Music Educators' Association (FMEA). More than one hundred schools have been designated as Music Demonstration Schools, and an additional forty schools have achieved Honorable Mention status.

Schools applying to become Music Demonstration Schools are evaluated, visited, and approved by the Florida Department of Education according to criteria developed by MENC: The National Association for Music Education and FMEA. Schools meeting these criteria commit to a three-year period of availability for observation and assistance to other schools in developing their own quality programs.

Music Demonstration Schools receive statewide recognition on the Florida Department of Education and FMEA websites. They are also honored at a special awards ceremony during the FMEA annual in-service conference and at designees' local school board meetings.

Visual Art Demonstration School Program

The Visual Art Demonstration School Program offers an inaugural opportunity for recognition of excellence and exemplary practice in visual art education in Florida's public schools. This new program has been developed collaboratively by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Art Education Association (FAEA) and is closely aligned with the Music Demonstration School Program.

Program reviewers will look for elementary, middle/junior, and high schools that balance a rigorous visual art curriculum, high standards for process and product, rich cultural exploration, instructional quality, and a focus on creativity and innovation founded on the elements of art and principles of design. Schools applying to become Visual Art Demonstration Schools are evaluated, visited, and designated by the Florida Department of Education according to criteria developed by the Department and the FAEA.

As with the Music Program, schools meeting these criteria commit to a three-year period of availability for observation and assistance to other schools in developing their own quality programs. The selected schools receive statewide recognition on the Florida Department of Education and FAEA websites, at a special awards ceremony during the FAEA annual state conference, and at designees' district school board meetings.

Recognition Programs in Partnership with the Florida Alliance for Arts Education

Founded in 1989, Arts for a Complete Education (ACE) began as a collaborative effort among the Florida Department of State/Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council; the Florida Department of Education; and Dr. Mary Palmer, Professor, University of Central Florida. With funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, over 150 arts, arts education, and community leaders crafted a strategic plan for arts education in Florida. Built over a series of twelve meetings held across the state, the plan that emerged was vetted by more than 1,200 participating citizens.

ACE merged with the Florida Alliance for Arts Education in 1994 to serve as the statewide umbrella organization for arts education in Florida. The Alliance, in partnership with the Florida Department of Education, the Florida Department of State/Division of Cultural Affairs, and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, continues to be the primary convener of arts education stakeholders, serving the children of Florida by improving, enhancing, and promoting arts education in Florida's schools and communities.

ARTS Achieve! Model School Program

The ARTS Achieve! Model School Program recognizes exemplary schools in Florida that have been highly successful in making the arts an essential part of their students' curriculum. Reviewers for the program strive to identify K-12 arts education programs that balance diversity, access, high standards in process and performance, and instructional quality in dance, music, theatre, and visual art education.

These Model Schools, all of which must offer at least three of the four arts disciplines in the school's curriculum, are asked to open their doors for a three-year period to visitors who wish to improve, enhance, or affirm their arts education practices. Designees are also asked to develop, in conjunction with the Florida Alliance for Arts Education (FAAE), a school profile for posting on the Alliance's website.

Successful applicants for the FAAE Arts Achieve! Model School Program may be nominated by the Florida Alliance for Arts Education for *The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts National Schools of Distinction in Arts Education Award* in the year following state-level designation. Launched in 1999, the National Schools of Distinction Program provides an important opportunity to honor schools and the role they play in providing a creative learning environment for outstanding student achievement. Each winner at the national level receives a modest honorarium to support its programs, a plaque for display in the school, and assistance in publicizing the award to the national media.

The national award annually honors up to five schools from across the nation that provide high-quality instruction in the four basic art forms (dance, music, theatre, and visual art), and recipients are invited to perform at The Kennedy Center. Additionally, the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network (KCAAEN) collaborates with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) to recognize the K-8 principals of the National Schools of Distinction in Arts Education.

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts National Schools of Distinction Past Winners include two Florida elementary schools:

2005-2006 – Cypress Elementary School (Kissimmee, FL)
2006-2007 – Gocio Elementary School (Sarasota, FL)

A brochure outlining the findings of a recent study of Arts Achieve! Model Schools is available at http://faae.org/AAMS_brochure.pdf. A text-only format of the brochure is available, upon request, by contacting Susan Burke at susan@faae.org.

Florida School Board Leadership in Arts Education

This state-level recognition honors Florida school boards that have implemented and sustained exemplary arts education policies and programs to provide a creative learning environment for outstanding student achievement. School Boards compete for this designation at the state level by application.

A national award is offered in collaboration with the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network (KCAAEN) and the National School Boards Association (NSBA). School board designees at the state level may be selected by the Florida Alliance for Arts Education (FAAE) to serve the following year as the FAAE nominee for national recognition by the KCAAEN and the NSBA.

Since 1998, the KCAAEN and the NSBA have provided an annual award to a school board that has demonstrated support for, and commitment to, high-quality arts education in its school district, community, state, or special jurisdiction. This national award recognizes districts that have included all four major artistic disciplines – visual art, theater, music, and dance – in their programs.

The award competition program involves one school board per state that comprises the maximum national pool of nominees. Final selection is made by a national panel of arts educators and arts administrators, including representatives of KCAAEN and NSBA. The national award is presented every year at the annual national conference of the NSBA.

Previous recipients of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network and National School Boards Association Award include two Florida school boards among the thirteen that have been honored in the ten-year history of the award. They are:

2004 – School Board of Sarasota County
2009 – Polk County Public Schools

- 2009 Press Release
- Polk KCAAEN & NSBA Award Application
- Award Video

Individuals interested in learning more about the Arts Achieve! Model School Program and recognition for Florida School Board Leadership in Arts Education should visit the website of the Florida Alliance for Arts Education at http://faae.org/ or contact:

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