

DUVAL ART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding principals in Duval County who demonstrate consistent support for the Visual Arts in their schools.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

- Nominator must be a member of the Duval Art Teachers Association (DATA).
- Nominator and nominee must be assigned to the same school at the time of nomination.
- Application must be filled out completely, along with attached documents (see CRITERIA).
- Application and additional documents are to be received by **Friday, May 13, 2011**.
- Applications/nomination forms are to be sent to #3001 - Duval County Visual Arts Department 6th Floor/Room 614 Attention: Jack Matthews.

REVIEW PROCESS:

- All applications will be reviewed by the DATA Board.
- Selections will be based on weight and merit of the information within the application and all pertinent attached materials.
- Notification of selection (to both the nominee and the nominator) will take place in late April.
- Presentation of the award is planned to take place at the May School Board Meeting.

NOMINATION CRITERIA:

- The nominee shows consistent support for the Visual Arts Program in his/her school in such ways as: funding for art supplies, audio/visual equipment, work space, display areas, etc.
- The nominee recognizes the importance of the Visual Arts in the curriculum and the contributions the art teacher/specialist makes in a well-rounded curriculum.
- The nominee sees the art teacher as an equal and valuable member of the faculty and is so evidenced through such things as scheduling issues, classroom/art lab availability.
- The nominee shows interest and support for the art teacher, recognizing the need for professional growth outside of the classroom (such as attendance at conferences, workshops, course work for advanced degrees, National Board Certification) and encourages membership in professional organizations.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA:

In addition to the application, it is suggested the nominator provide letters of support from either members of the faculty, P.T.A. and/or the community and business leaders. Photographs may be attached as well. It is strongly suggested a statement by the principal on his/her philosophy regarding the importance of the Visual Arts in education be included .

