

**The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program
and the Best and Brightest Principal Scholarship Program**

The district will implement the Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal Scholarship Program in accordance with Sections 1012.731 and 1012.732, Florida Statutes. Program funds will be used solely for the purpose of paying the scholarship funds to each eligible classroom teacher and principal no later than April 1, 2019. Funds paid to the eligible classroom teacher and/or principal are subject to applicable payroll and income tax withholding.

The district will issue a check to each eligible classroom teacher who is still teaching in Florida, regardless of the school district in which the teacher is currently teaching. If an otherwise eligible teacher has left the state and/or is no longer a classroom teacher in Florida, the district will return to the Department of Education, the funds allocated for that teacher, along with a project amendment (DOE 150 and 151) showing the decrease in the number of teachers, and the amount of the decrease in funding.

The district will issue a check to each eligible principal who is still employed as the principal of the school. If the eligible principal is no longer at the school, the district will return to the Department of Education, the funds allocated for that principal, along with a project amendment (DOE 150 and 151) showing the decrease in the number of principals, and the amount of the decrease in funding.

After payment has been made to all eligible teachers and principals, confirmation will be sent to the department, including the number of teachers and principals who received payment and the date that payment was made (must be prior to April 1, 2019).