

Greetings Teachers,

The Port Arthur Independent School District has been awarded \$640, 996.00 to participate in the District Awards for Teacher Excellence (D.A.T.E.) Grant-Cycle1, Year 3 for the 2010-2011 school year. We thought it helpful to send the following link for Teachers to ensure they are documenting their work in an organized and timely manner. The DATE grant documents may be downloaded using the following PAISD website link:

<http://www.paisd.org/dategrant.htm>

Eligibility Requirements :

All Port Arthur I.S.D. teachers who are certified by August 2011 are eligible to participate in the award plan.

Part I - Includes **certified teachers who teach ITBS or TAKS** tested subjects **for at least four hours each school day** as the teacher of record. Scores from the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) Logramos in grades K-2 and Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) in grades 3-12 will be used to determine award eligibility based on overall student performance for Part I (Tiers I, II, III) and Part II A (Tiers I, II, III).

Part II-A - Includes **certified teachers who do not teach ITBS or TAKS** tested subjects **for at least four hours each day** and is not the teacher of record (e.g. counselors, librarians, Head Start Pre K-teachers, Co-teachers, Dyslexia teachers and all other teachers not listed in Part I). Certified teachers must tutor 2 hours a week for a 12-week period on the same campus and receive an overall satisfactory evaluation on the PDAS instrument used in the teacher's annual evaluation.

Part II-B – All certified teachers are eligible to receive an award in Part II, Section B if he or she has a 96% attendance rate (No more than 8 days absent for a 187 day contract year.) and participates in 40 hours of professional development activities during the 2010-2011 school year, beginning no earlier than August 2010 and ending no later than June 2011.

Maximum Award

The maximum award that can be earned is \$1,228 + any redistributed funds per teacher.

- **TAKS Teachers** - \$988 for Part I and \$240 for Part II-B or (less employee benefits, federal withholding, etc.).
- **NON-TAKS Teachers** - \$988 for Part II-A and \$240 for Part II-B (less employee benefits, federal withholding, etc.).

Grant money that is not distributed for award will be redistributed, excluding 5% that will be retained for staff development.

Important Dates:

December 6-9, 2010	Campuses select DATE Committee representatives
January 13, 2011	First orientation meeting over DATE Grant-Cycle 1, Year 3
January 31, 2011	Part IIA eligible participants submit <i>“Declaration of Grade Level-Form G”</i> to their principal.
February 4, 2011	Principals submit signed <i>“Declaration of Grade Level-Form G”</i> to Mrs. Kathy McEwen
June 27, 2011	Last day to submit Part II, Section A and Part II, Section B Award Verification to principals
June 30, 2011	D.A.T.E. campus notebook submitted to Technology Office
October 15, 2011	Teachers receive awards

For more information, please read the DATE Grant Fact Sheet located at the PAISD website link: <http://www.paisd.org/dategrant.htm>