

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-Cycle 1, Year 2 for the 2009-2010 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 2010 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 IIA - Includes certified teachers who do not teach ITBS or TAKS tested subjects for at least four hours each school 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 IIB – 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 2009-2010 school year, beginning no earlier than September 2009 and ending no later than June 2010

Maximum Award

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

- **TAKS Teachers** - \$998 for Part I and \$240 for Part IIB or (less employee benefits, federal withholding, etc.).
- **NON-TAKS Teachers** - \$998 for Part IIA and \$240 for Part IIB (less employee benefits, federal withholding, etc.).

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

Important Dates:

January 29, 2010	Part IIA eligible participants submitted " <i>Declaration of Grade Level-Form G</i> " to their principal.
February 5, 2010	Principals submit signed " <i>Declaration of Grade Level-Form G</i> " to Mrs. Loyce Comeaux
June 29, 2010	Last day to submit Part II, Section A and Part II, Section B Award Verification to principals
June 30, 2010	D.A.T.E. campus notebook submitted to Technology Office
October 15, 2010	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>