

Florida Learn & Serve 2009-2010 Formula Awards

Statewide Totals (All Categories)

Projects: 57	Projected Service Hours: 2,152,241 (average of 50 hours per student)	Student Participants: 42,994	Districts: 27	Total Awarded: \$584,542	Average Award: \$10,255
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Contact Information, Award Amounts, and Descriptions

Formula Non-Competitive District Infrastructure-Building Projects, 2009-2010					
Projects: 5	Projected Service Hours: 1,126,520 (average of 48 hours per student)	Student Participants: 23,438	Districts: 5	Total Awarded: \$160,000	Average Award: \$22,863
DISTRICT, SCHOOL ADDRESS, CONTACT INFO	Award Amount	TITLE, PARTICIPANT INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION			
Flagler Flagler County School District 1769 East Moody Boulevard Bunnell 32110 Jose Nunez (District Coordinator) 386.437.7526 x 3117 nunezj@flaglerschools.com	\$50,000	<p><u>Flagler District Learn & Serve Initiative, 835, 5-12th grade students, 41,500 service hours.</u> Flagler County has expanded its service-learning team from eighteen to twenty-five teachers, and each county school has a service-learning teacher team. A series of mini-grants ranging from \$300-\$600 are available to the twenty-five teachers on the service-learning team. Work continues on the Environmental Service-Learning Center at Linear Park, which serves 15 at-risk high school students on a daily basis. Other county students participate in environmental field trips and hands-on experiences in identified service-learning projects designed to improve the students' performance on the science portion of the FCAT. The teacher/coordinator develops curriculum modules, and works with Palm Coast city officials to develop a priority list of service-learning projects for the park. During the school year, teachers showcase the service-learning programs through a series of displays in the Government Services building. Partners include Flagler County Parks and Preserves, Gamble Rogers State Park, Whitney Laboratory, St. Johns River Water Management, the City of Palm Coast, The Environmental Preservation Council, Flagler Audubon Society, and the University of Florida Extension Service. All students provide at least 20 service-learning hours each semester, except for the 15 students participating at the Linear Park site, who provide approximately 270 service-learning hours per semester.</p>			
Leon Leon County Schools 3757 West Pensacola Street Tallahassee 32304 Sarah Hembree (District Grants) 850.487.7864 hembrees@leon.k12.fl.us Jason Graham (District Contact)	\$50,000	<p><u>Leon County Learn & Serve, 7,400 students in grades 3-12, 296,000 service hours.</u> Leon County Schools applies a district-wide approach to service-learning through teacher training, mini-grants, coordinated activities, district leadership, and participation in three district-wide service-learning initiatives (Civics, PeaceJam, and Penny Harvest). Teachers and district staff work to develop district standards for implementation, curriculum guides, and training materials. Each site has a service-learning lead teacher who is trained through a train-the-trainer method, and participates in a cohort with monthly updates and access to a SharePoint website. Each school level (elementary, middle & high) has its own level theme. K-5 students participate in the theme "My Impact on the Community" accomplished through the</p>			

grahamj3@mail.lincoln.leon.k12.fl.us		Penny Harvest program; 6-7 th grade students participate in the social studies based theme “Our Impact on the Community,” utilizing the Project Citizen Curriculum; and 9-12 th graders participate in the theme “The Community Impacting the World” based on the PeaceJam curriculum.
Orange School Board of Orange County Timber Creek Learn Academy 445 West Amelia Street Orlando 32801 Merewyn E. Lyons (District Grants) 407.317.3303 Wendy Doromal (District Coordinator) 321.235.7800 x 6631; 321-235.7821 Doromaw@ocps.net Merewyn.Lyons@ocps.net	\$20,000	<u>Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) Learn & Serve District Initiative, 11,800 students in K-12, 700,000 service hours.</u> OCPS continues efforts to expand and institutionalize service-learning in district schools and communities. Every OCPS school is reached through student-created newsletters, instructional CDs, invitations to workshops and conferences, applications for Golden Rule Foundation service-learning mini-grants, the Penny Harvest program, and through service-learning liaisons at the schools. There are opportunities for every OCPS student to participate in service learning. The program offers a full-day training and four quarterly strategy meetings; conducts service-learning workshops in the learning community, helps improve and expand relationships with local partners; encourages teachers in their learning community schools to apply for grants to fund service learning; assists teachers in maintaining high quality practice; helps identify service-learning liaisons in their learning community schools; recruits participants for annual district and state service-learning conferences; and contributes articles to the OCPS service-learning newsletter and web site.
Polk Polk County School District Office of Community Involvement P.O. Box 391, 1915 South Flora Avenue Bartow 33831 Margaret Anne Wheeler (District Coord.) 863.534.0636 Margaret.wheeler@polk-fl.net	\$20,000	<u>Polk County Learn & Serve: Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow, 1,950 K-12 students, 39,000 service hours.</u> Polk continues to expand, improve, and institutionalize service-learning through activities in 2/3 of district schools by helping teachers effectively use service-learning in their classrooms to meet the needs of struggling students. Teachers participate in professional development to increase their knowledge and the use of service-learning pedagogy. Mentorship provided by National Board Certified Teachers help other teachers infuse civic responsibility as part of student work ethic, build partnerships, integrate service into academic curricula, and quantify student achievement. Each participating NBCT spends 90 volunteer hours as part of her/his mentoring requirement, serving the professional development needs of Polk teachers. The district supports a part-time service-learning coordinator. The number of funded mini-grants will increase by 10% to 45 mini-grants for 2009-2010.
Volusia Volusia County School District District Science Office Brewster Center 200 North Clara Avenue Deland 32127 Louise Chapman (District Coordinator) Richard Jones (District Grants) 386.734.7190 x 20673 lchapman@volusia.k12.fl.us rdjones@volusia.k12.fl.us	\$20,000	<u>Volusia County Schools Environmental Service-Learning Legacy Project, 1,650 students in grades 5-12, 66,000 service hours.</u> Fifteen schools across Volusia County participate in environmental service-learning at three distinct habitats (Rose Bay, Bicentennial Youth Park, and Lyonia Preserve). Student activities revolve around monitoring fish, birds, invertebrates, plants, soil, and water, with an emphasis on topography. The hands-on field studies relate to classroom content, thereby increasing academic success. Students from traditionally underserved populations participate and share their talents. Volusia County teachers increase their content knowledge, technology skills, and ability to integrate service-learning into educational curricula at the sites and back at their schools. Students perform energy audits and assessments, restore wetlands, and distribute native plants to the community. Students also construct and study scale model “Green Buildings,” study the effects of energy use on water and water quality, learn how to orient buildings to save energy, and present on how to prevent fires from destroying homes and buildings. Students create brochures to explain what energy-efficient paints for houses, how to use passive solar energy and native plants to reduce cooling costs, how and where to plant water-wise plants, and how to protect buildings from fires.