

School Year 2016-2017

Special Edition: Five Star Award and SAC

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### Five Star School Award

The Five Star School Award was created by the Florida Commissioner's Community Involvement Council and is presented annually to those schools that have shown evidence of exemplary community involvement. In order to earn Five Star School recognition, a school must show documentation that it has achieved 100 percent of the established criteria in the following categories:

- Business partnerships
- Family Involvement/PTO
- Volunteerism
- Student Community Service
- School Advisory Councils (SAC)

Schools must also earn a grade of "C" or above, or a school improvement rating of "maintaining or improving" for the year of nomination. In addition to recognizing outstanding schools, this award:

- Identifies schools with programs that can be used as models for other schools, and
- Serves as an assessment tool for school to measure the success of their programs, whether or not the school meets all criteria.

\*\*\*We currently meet most of the criteria for a 5 Star School. One criterion that everyone can help with is to help us log 2,500 volunteer hours. Teachers and parents all volunteer at some point so PLEASE LOG ANY VOLUNTEER HOURS YOU HAVE EARNED ONTO THE COMPUTER IN THE FRONT OFFICE. YOU MAY LOG IN HOURS SPENT AT HOME CUTTING OUT PAPERS AND AFTER HOUR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FALL FESTIVAL AND SPORTING EVENTS. After hour/home time may be logged the next available time that you are on campus.

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## School Advisory Council

The LNS School Advisory Council is currently accepting membership nominations.

### What is SAC?

SAC is a state mandated committee to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the results of the school improvement plan (SIP) and to assist the principal with the annual school budget. For more information, please go to: [florida-family.net/SAC/](http://florida-family.net/SAC/)

### Who should be involved in SAC?

By law, each SAC must be composed of the principal and "appropriately balanced" number of "stakeholders." These individuals must be representative of the ethnic, racial & economic makeup of the community served by the school. Fifty-one percent or more of the members must be non-district employees. This includes:

- Parents
- Teachers
- Support staff
- Community partners
- Students.

### Why should I serve?

Serving on SAC you will be able to:

- Make a difference at your school,
- Speak out for all students and families,
- Have a voice in school based decision making and
- Build relationships with parents, staff & community partners.

### LNS and SAC

Under our new leadership, Principal Ray Wilson, Assistant Principal Heather Wasserman and Assistant Principal Christine Oliver are striving to make our great school a 5 Star School. Part of having a 5 Star School is creating a strong SAC committee that understands the needs of our community of students and are committed to creating goals, interventions and assessing the data following those interventions. There must also be an average of 80% attendance of all members with a minimum total number of 8 meetings per year.

If you are interested in joining SAC, please return the following [nomination form](#) to the front office and please join us for the first SAC meeting on Thursday, October 6 at 7:30 am in the Front Office.

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