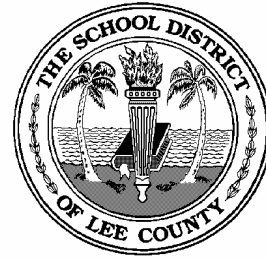


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SUBJECT: MIDDLE SCHOOL DESIGNATED AN ARTS ACHIEVE! MODEL SCHOOL

For the second time in as many years, a Lee County public school has been designed an ARTS Achieve! Model School. This year, **North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts** has been presented with this honor.

The Arts Achieve! Model Schools program is designed by Arts for a Complete Education/Florida Alliance for Arts Education (ACE/FAAE) to recognize schools that offer a comprehensive, sequential, high-quality program of visual and performing arts instruction. The purpose of this program is to identify, recognize and promote statewide school fine arts programs at the elementary, middle/junior and high school levels that balance diversity, high performance standards, and instructional quality in visual and performing arts education.

North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts will be honored at a Gala Awards Breakfast at the Florida Alliance for Arts Education Annual Leadership Summit. The event is scheduled for June 18, 2008 in Orlando. North Fort Myers Academy joins Diplomat Middle as being ARTS Achieve! model schools in Lee County.

Schools that apply to become an ARTS Achieve! Model School are evaluated and approved by Arts for a Complete Education/Florida Alliance for Arts Education (ACE/FAAE) based on criteria developed by ACE/FAAE in cooperation with Florida's fine arts associations for dance, music, theater and visual art. Schools that meet this criteria are committed for a three-year period to assist ACE/FAAE, school officials, teachers and other interested persons in observing quality fine arts programs and obtaining information for program improvement. The selected schools will receive public recognition from ACE/FAAE in local, regional and statewide media and at the annual ACE/FAAE Leadership Summit.

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