

R.E.A.C.H. PROGRAM

APPROACHING THE PROBLEM OF ILLITERACY/SCHOOL DROP-OUTS

RATIONALE:

Because of the recognized problem of school dropouts and illiteracy, especially in the population we serve, we propose a system to provide the local Club/Centers a tool to increase their effectiveness in addressing this need.

DEFINITION:

A divisional system to motivate, recognize and reward the improvement in, and maintaining of, scholastic excellent, with special emphasis on the potential school dropout, slow learner and unmotivated student.

STRUCTURE:

The name of the system will be R.E.A.C.H. An acronym for Reading, Education, Attendance, Conduct, Honors. The time frame for each competition period will be one school year.

CATEGORIES:

1. THE FAST TRACK

Every Child in the program that attains or maintains "Honor Roll" status in the local school system will receive a "Fast Track" certificate. Determine by final G.P.A. for the school year.

2. MAKING TRACKS

Every student in the program that improves an academic, attendance or conduct grade will receive a "Making Tracks" certificate. Determined by comparing final G.P.A. this year with final G.P.A. of last year. If grades are not numerical, then A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0, Inc. = 0.

3. GIANT STEP AWARD

Every Club and Center will award one boy and girl the "Giant Step Award" for having made the most improvement in that school year. Compared with the final grades of the previous school year. The award is for IMPROVEMENT.

Computation for this award is as follows:

- A. Improved G.P.A. grade (multiply the amount of improvement by 5 points)

Example: 2000 G.P.A. = 3.3

1999 G.P.A. = 2.3

1.0

 x5 points

5 points

2000 G.P.A. = 3.1

1999 G.P.A. = 2.4

.7 x 5 = 3.5 points

- B. 1 point for each day of fewer absences
- C. 3 points for improved conduct grade
3 points for A (or equivalent)
- D. Up to 5 points will be given for citizenship at Club (decided by local Club/Center staff.
4. **BUILDING BRIDGES AWARD**
One Club/Center in the Division will be honored with this Award each year, based on the following criteria:
- A. Percentage of club members participating in R.E.A.C.H. (Percentage of R.E.A.C.H. participants divided by th3 total membership)
- B. Average grade improvement
(Total of points accrued by members – Not including points given by local staff – divided by number of members participating.)
- C. Outside judging of summary of programs for educational excellence in each Club/Center.

Each Club/Center will have their Awards Presentation Program at the end of the school year.

THE DIVISIONAL OFFICE OF THE BOYS' CLUB/GIRLS' CLUB/COMMUNITY CENTER DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE:

1. All Certificates
2. All plaques or trophies
3. Promotional material – Posters, flyers, etc.
4. Expenses of "Building Bridges Award" Banquet

LOCAL CLUBS/CENTERS WILL PROVIDE:

1. Programs to meet the specific needs of their members to help them achieve improvement in their academic grades, attendance record and conduct report.