

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: I believe I should be receiving Advanced Degree Pay. Whom should I contact?**

A: If you are a current employee and have submitted your transcript(s) for Advanced Degree Pay and you currently aren't receiving Advanced Degree Pay, email Jody Johansen at: [Jody.Johansen@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Jody.Johansen@palmbeachschools.org)

**Q: I just received my Master's Degree. Where should I send my transcript?**

A: You may have the original transcript sent to:

*Compensation & HR Planning  
Attention: Advanced Degrees  
3300 Forest Hill Blvd., A-115  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406*

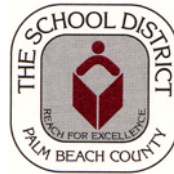
If you have the original transcript sent to your home address, you may send it through the District's pony mail system to:

*Compensation & HR Planning  
Attention: Advanced Degrees  
FHESC, A-115*

If you would like to drop off your transcript, you may come to the Compensation office in Suite A-115.

Check out our website at:  
[www.palmbeachschools.org/compensation](http://www.palmbeachschools.org/compensation)

For General  
HR Information,  
contact our  
HR Customer Call Center:  
434.8777 (PX 48777)  
877.477.3722  
[AskHR@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:AskHR@palmbeachschools.org)



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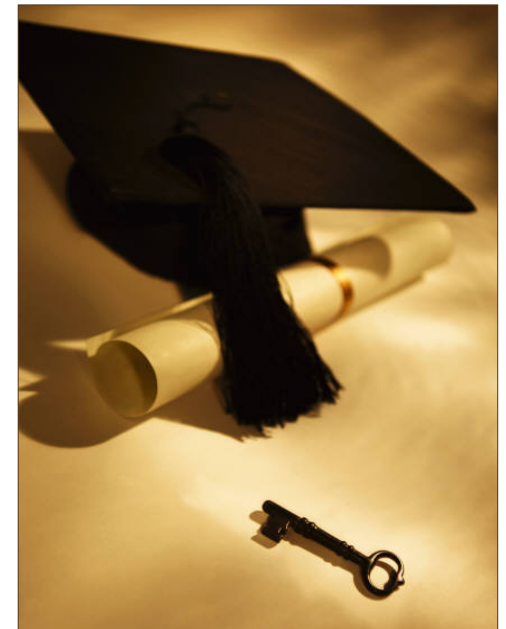
Phone: 561.434.8777  
Fax: 561.357.1176  
[AskHR@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:AskHR@palmbeachschools.org)

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## Advanced Degree Pay

### *Instructional*

(Teacher hired PRIOR to 7/1/11)



## Compensation & HR Planning

Division of Human Resources  
School District of  
Palm Beach County

## What Is Advanced Degree Pay?

For “continuous” instructional employees hired **PRIOR** to 7/1/11, those employees may receive supplemental monies for advanced degrees\* such as Master’s, Specialist and/or Doctorate, once criteria are met.

*\*According to the terms of the Classroom Teachers Association (CTA) Bargaining Agreement with the School District of Palm Beach County.*



## How Much Does It Pay?

For all degrees above a Bachelor’s, the annual amount is as follows\*:

Master’s	\$3,000
Double Master’s	\$4,500
Specialist	\$4,500
Doctorate	\$6,000

\*(for the highest qualifying level)

## How Do I Qualify?

- My degree major is in one of the following accepted areas:  
*Reading, Math, ESE, Conflict/Dispute Resolution, Guidance and Counseling, Education Technology, Computer Technology, Curriculum and Instruction, Teaching and Learning; or*
- My degree major is in one of my areas of certification\*; or
- My degree includes, or is subsequently followed by, twelve (12) graduate semester hours or equivalent in:

*One (1) of my areas of certification*

*Reading*

*Math*

*Science*

*Special Education*

*ESOL; or*

*[Reading Endorsement can be counted as six (6) semester hours]*



- My degree is a *Juris Doctor (JD)* degree and I have a valid Florida secondary certificate in social studies and am assigned to teach secondary social studies courses; or
- My degree is in *Secondary Education* and I am assigned to a secondary school.

\*The District shall not recognize advanced degree pay for teachers for the following advanced degrees:

*Education Leadership*

*Administration and Supervision*

*Administration*

*School Principal*

## \*What Do I Do to Receive Advanced Degree Pay?

- Fill out the Advanced Degree form PBSD 2277
- Submit the form to the Compensation & HR Planning Department (see back of brochure for address)
- Submit original transcript showing degree awarded/conferred date (in sealed envelope) to the Compensation & HR Planning Department if the transcript is not already on file

### NOTE

\*Instructional employees hired on or after July 1, 2011 will have their transcripts processed under new State Law guidelines (see new-hire brochure).



## How Do I Receive Advanced Degree Pay?

Once the Compensation & HR Planning Department has completed processing your Advanced Degree Pay request, an eligibility letter will be sent to you. If the request was approved, notification will be sent to the Payroll Department to process the payout of your Advanced Degree Pay. Advanced Degree Pay will show up as a supplement on your paycheck.