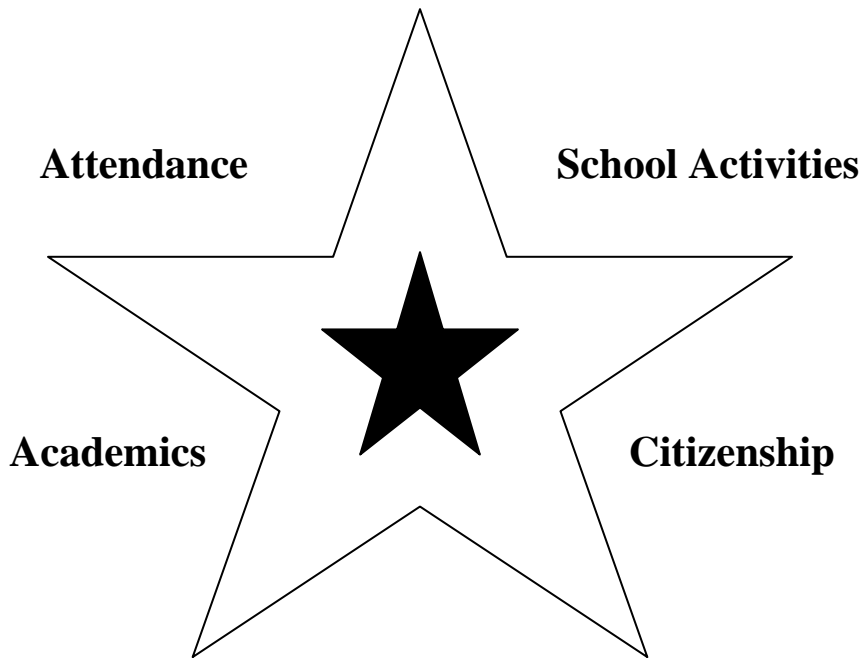


STONE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUPERS.T.A.R. PROGRAM

**School
Community
Service**



Who Are the SUPERS.T.A.R.'s?

Stone Valley SuperS.T.A.R.'s are students who demonstrate excellent academic achievement, attendance, and citizenship, and who volunteer in school and community activities. Students are encouraged to follow the acronym S.T.A.R. at all times, which stands for STOP, THINK, ACT and REVIEW.* We believe that students that make good decisions are on their way to becoming successful in school and in life.

*S.T.A.R. is the acronym developed by the Thomas Jefferson Center, authors of "How to be Successful in Less Than Ten Minutes a Day".

Why Become a SUPERS.T.A.R.?

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A SUPERS.T.A.R. INCLUDE:

- SuperS.T.A.R. Identification Card
- A first-in-line lunch pass for the remainder of the school year
- Deli Day lunches
- Field trips to bay area sites
- Bronze, silver, or gold SuperS.T.A.R. pins presented at awards night with a certificate
- The satisfaction of helping make Stone Valley and our community a better place for everyone

How Do I Become a SUPERS.T.A.R.?

- You must record at least 30 hours in combined school activities and school/community service.

This must include at least five hours in school activities and at least five hours in school/community service.

Each activity and the number of hours credited must be signed off by the sponsor or advisor.

- You must exhibit good behavior and citizenship at all times.
- You must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for each grading period. If your grade point average falls below 3.0, your SuperS.T.A.R. card will be void until the grading period is over, and you will be ineligible for any SuperS.T.A.R. activities.
- Attendance problems of any kind and discipline referrals may disqualify you from the program. Determination made by the principal.
- Fill in Sections I and II on the SuperS.T.A.R. application form, get all the appropriate signatures and turn it into the office when you have met all requirements. The first grading period usually ends at the beginning of November. You will be notified of your SuperS.T.A.R. status after your application is reviewed.
- Once a SuperS.T.A.R., you maintain membership for the remainder of the school year as long as you maintain all requirements. To qualify for the following year, you must earn at least 15 more

- hours from the end of the school year in school activities and school/community service (five hour minimum in each area). Requalification occurs after the first quarter grading period.
- The deadline for **2009/2010** SuperS.T.A.R. applications are 7 & 8th grade – October 23, 2009 and 6th grade – January 25, 2010

How Can I Earn SuperS.T.A.R. Hours?

Section I – School Activities: Volunteer participation in school-related activities beyond class time. Activities earn hourly credit with a maximum of ten hours per activity.

Samples include:

- Participation in a school sports team.
- Participation in Math Olympiad or Math Counts.
- CJSF, Safe School Ambassadors after school meetings.
- Participating in noon contests, theme days, school dances and other activities organized by the leadership class (qualifies for .5 hours each).
- Participating in the speech or spelling bee beyond the classroom level.
- Participating in the annual Stone Valley Turkey Trot.
- Participating in Odyssey of the Mind.
- Participating in 8th Grade/Faculty Games
- Participating in WEB (Welcome Everybody) (i.e., 6th grader in August or 7/8th Grade WEB leader).
- Participating in after school WEB activities.

Section II – School/Community Service: Volunteer service to the school or community in which no credit or pay is received. Service is credited hourly with a maximum of ten hours per activity. Hours credited may not be duplicated for other groups or programs.

- Tutoring other students at Stone Valley (maximum of five hours credit).
- Being a guide for new students.
- Helping at school and Ed Fund/PTA functions.
- Gardening or yard work for senior citizens in our community (family members excluded-maximum of five hours credit).
- Volunteer at a senior citizens center within our community.
- Volunteer at a local food bank or family shelter within our county.
- Being a volunteer child care provider during a Ed Fund/PTA function or community/ church activity (maximum of five hours credit). ***No other free babysitting qualifies.***
- Helping Stone Valley teachers after school (maximum of five hours credit).
- Volunteering at school or local community clean up days.
- Volunteering in local community events like Primos-to-Primos, Walk-A-Thons, Alamo Rotary Western Days, Alamo Music Festival, etc.
- Scout activities that are not required for a merit badge or award.

Stone Valley Middle School

SUPERS.T.A.R. APPLICATION 2009/2010

Name: _____ Grade: _____

First Period Teacher: _____

INSTRUCTIONS – **THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN INK.**

1. Complete Sections I and II first. Gather signatures for school activities and school/community service as you complete form.
2. Once you have earned the number of hours needed in Sections I and II, ask each of your teachers for approval of citizenship in Section III.
3. Turn completed sections to the office. Sections IV (attendance) and Section V (academics) will be completed by the office. You will be notified after the application is checked.

Section I:

School Activity	Hours	Sponsor/Advisor Signature

Section II:

School/Community Service	Hours	Sponsor/Advisor Signature

Section III:

Citizenship/Teacher Name	Subject	Period	Signature
		1	
		2	
		3	
		4	
		5	

		6	
		7	
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SUPERS.T.A.R. APPLICATION (continued)

IV. ACADEMICS:

SuperS.T.A.R.'s earn and maintain an exemplary academic record for each grading period. Exceptional academic improvement may also be accepted for SUPERS.T.A.R. eligibility with principal's approval.

SuperS.T.A.R. Requirement: Earn and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for each grading period. School office will check grade point averages.

Office Approval:

GPA: _____ INITIALS: _____

V. ATTENDANCE:

SuperS.T.A.R.'S maintain an exemplary attendance record at school. This includes school tardies.

SuperS.T.A.R. Requirement: All absences must be excused and independent study contracts must be completed as described in the school handbook. School office will check this section.

Office Approval: _____

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

Signature _____ Date: _____

