

District recognized for efficient use of energy

There are 81 district school campuses and administrative buildings that have earned ENERGY STAR Building Certifications from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ENERGY STAR program. No other organization in Florida has received a larger award of ENERGY STAR certifications this past year. Each of the 81 schools will receive a certificate.

In order to receive an ENERGY STAR certification, a building or school campus must meet strict energy performance standards, use less energy, and is less expensive to operate while emitting fewer greenhouse emissions. To qualify for the certification, these buildings and school campuses must score in the top 25 percent of similar buildings nationwide, with no sacrifice to comfort.

The district entered into a partnership with Cenergistic, an energy conservation company that helps school districts and other educational organizations nationwide reduce energy consumption. Cenergistic's work was a major factor

in the district receiving the ENERGY STAR certification.

The ENERGY STAR program helps businesses and individuals save money and protect the environment through superior energy efficiency.

Using the latest

scientific research and statistical analysis, the ENERGY STAR building certification program allows owners to compare the energy efficiency of their buildings with similar buildings across the United States and Canada.



Pinellas County School Board Chair Rene Flowers (center, left), accepts an award from Cenergistic Vice Chair Randy Hoff (center, right) to commemorate the district's 81 ENERGY STAR Certifications as other board members and Cenergistic personnel look on.