Teacher of the Year

2020

Governor’s Educator of the Year Program
Do you know a classroom teacher or educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing this nomination form template and returning it to the building principal by the specified deadline. Administrators, staff members, students, parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

Please return this form to the building principal by **Friday, December 6, 2019**

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:
- Serves as an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside the classroom;
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators and colleagues; and
- Plays an active role in the community as well as the school;

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**Nomination**

Please explain why you feel the educator deserves recognition, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the educator's methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the education profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff. The more compelling the response, the better. Therefore, please use as much space as needed below as the form will expand when you type on it. If you would like, you may attach your response separately to this form.
Governor's Educator of the Year Eligibility Criteria

Requirements

Any educators nominated for this award must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher (PreK to grade 12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or an educational services professional (ESP) who is listed as one of the eligible enrollment areas.
- Must have the latest summative rating of at least effective; if the teacher or the ESP has not received a summative rating at the time of application, then their most current practice rating should be at least effective or the equivalent.
- Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.
- Actively collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success.
- Demonstrate leadership and innovation in educational activities at the school, district, and/or state and national levels that take place both within and outside the school setting.
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues.
- Have not earned the title of school or County Teacher of the Year nor ESP of the Year for the past five (5) years.

Note: There is no requirement for minimum number of years in the classroom, however as an ambassador for education, this is an award based on merit and leadership and not to be given out solely based on years of service, like a retirement award.

Educational Services Professional of the Year Enrollment Areas

In order to compete for Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as one of the following:

- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Athletic Trainer
- Behavior Specialist
- Child Study Team
- Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations
- Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech, Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
- Guidance / School Counselor
- Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
- Library Media Specialist
- Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach
- Nurse (Instructional & Non-instructional)
- Occupational Therapist
- Paraprofessional (Instructional only)
- Physical Therapist
- Psychologist
- Reading Specialist / Reading Coach
- Social Worker
- Speech Language Specialist
- Student Assistant Coordinator
- Technology Coach