



Toms River Regional School District



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2017 Educator of the Year Program Nominations

DESCRIPTION

The **Toms River Regional School District** is proud to participate again this year in the NJ Department of Education's *Governor's Educator of the Year Program*. This program highlights educational innovation, student learning, and the rewards of teaching. It recognizes and honors the contributions of outstanding pre-K through grade 12 classroom teachers and educational services professionals who possess a special talent for inspiring a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities and are leaders in their fields. The program combines the Governor's Educator Award with county and state Teacher of the Year recognitions.

SELECTION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

Based on parent, peer, and administrator nominations received by December 23, 2016, each school will select one educator to serve as **School Teacher of the Year** and one as **School Educational Services Professional of the Year**. Each Teacher of the Year will be invited by the NJ Department of Education to compete for the title of **Ocean County Teacher of the Year**; those forms are due by January 27, 2017. The 21 county winners are then invited to the next level of application to vie for the **State Teacher of the Year**. The individual selected as New Jersey State Teacher of the Year becomes the state's nominee for **National Teacher of the Year**.

For detailed information on this process, go to

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/rpr/recognition/educators/geoy>

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In addition to the honor of being chosen by the school community, Teachers and Educational Professionals of the Year who could become county, state and national recipients must have certain qualifications and must be able to meet certain responsibilities. Please see the attached as you consider the qualities of your nominee.

If you would like to participate in this process, please fill out the attached form and submit it to any school in a sealed envelope no later than December 23, 2016. Forms received after that date will not be considered. If you have children who attend or have attended more than one school, you may nominate a teacher and ed services professional at each school your child attends or has attended.

Eligibility Criteria for....

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

- Be an **exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher** (pre-K through grade 12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or **educational services professional** (see below for list of eligible certification areas)
- Must have achieved a 2015-16 **summative rating of at least Effective**; If the teacher or educational services professional has not received a 2015-16 summative rating at the time of application, then their practice rating should be at least Effective or the equivalent
- Be a dedicated and skilled leader who **anticipates actively continuing in his/her teaching career for at least five (5) more years**
- **Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities** to learn
- **Actively collaborates 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 level that take place both within or outside the school setting
- Have the **respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues**
- Demonstrate **poise, eloquence, and the ability to maintain a demanding schedule**
- Have **not earned the title of school-level Teacher of the Year or Educational Services Professional of the Year for the past five (5) years**
- **Eligible Enrollment Areas for Educational Services Professionals and Others as Listed**
In order to compete for the Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as:

- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Associate School Library Media Specialist
- Athletic Trainer
- Basic Skills Teacher
- Behavior Specialist
- Cooperative Education Coordinator
- Cooperative Education Coordinator / Hazardous Occupations
- Director of School Counseling Services / Child Study Team
- Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
- Guidance/School Counselor
- Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
- Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach
- Library Media Specialist
- Paraprofessional (*Instructional*)
- Reading Specialist / Reading Coach
- School Nurse (Instructional and Non- Instructional)
- School Occupational Therapist
- School Physical Therapist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Speech-Language Specialist
- Student Assistance Coordinator

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NJ Department of Education
Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

Thank you for nominating a Toms River Regional School District **teacher** for the Governor's Educator of the Year program. Please fill out the following form and return it to any school in a sealed envelope marked "Teacher of the Year" by **December 23, 2016**. Be sure they meet the criteria described on the attached page. Use the grid below to explain why you feel the educator deserves recognition, citing specific examples.

NOMINEE INFORMATION	
NAME	
SCHOOL	
SCHOOL DISTRICT	Toms River Regional Schools
CURRENT POSITION	
NOMINATOR INFORMATION	
NAME	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE	
SIGNATURE	

NOMINATION QUESTIONS
1. In what ways does the educator have a superior ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn?
2. In what ways has the educator demonstrated exceptional skills and dedication to her or his students and profession?
3. How has the educator demonstrated a strong ability to foster excellence?

4. In what ways has the educator played an active role in the community as well as in the school?

5. How has the educator continuously worked to enhance their content knowledge and improve and expand their teaching skills?

6. How has this educator made a difference for your child/children?

7. Additional Comments (if any):

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NJDOE Education Services Professional of the Year Nomination

Thank you for nominating a Toms River Regional School District **education services professional** (see list of applicable positions) for the Governor's Educator of the Year program. Please fill out the following form and return it to any school in a sealed envelope marked "Ed Services Professional of the Year" by **December 23, 2016**. Be sure they meet the criteria described on the attached page. Use the grid below to explain why you feel the educator deserves recognition, citing specific examples.

NOMINEE INFORMATION	
NAME	
SCHOOL	
SCHOOL DISTRICT	Toms River Regional Schools
CURRENT POSITION	
NOMINATOR INFORMATION	
NAME	
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RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE	
SIGNATURE	

NOMINATION
1. In what ways does this education services professional have a superior ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn and thrive?
2. In what ways has the ed services professional demonstrated exceptional skills and dedication to his or her students and profession?
3. How has the ed services professional demonstrated a strong ability to foster excellence?

<p>4. In what ways has the ed services professional played an active role in the community as well as in the school?</p>
<p>5. How has the ed services professional continuously worked to enhance their subject knowledge and improve and expand their skills?</p>
<p>6. How has the ed services professional made a difference for your child/children?</p>
<p>7. Additional Comments (if any):</p>