



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, Staff Involved with Educator Recognition
From: Gilbert E. Gonzalez, Acting Assistant Commissioner
Division of Teaching and Learning Services
Deadline: April 8, 2022

2022 Exemplary Elementary Educator Recognition Program

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) invites school administrators to nominate up to three outstanding elementary (grades PreK-5) educators for the 2022 Exemplary Educator Recognition Program. The annual Exemplary Educator Recognition Program honors diverse educators who:

- have a positive impact on their students, colleagues and the school community;
- possess a clear vision for quality teaching and learning; and
- may be a candidate for recognition at the county, state and national levels.

When school leaders honor hard-working educators, they promote a culture that publicly recognizes excellence and fosters pride in the education profession. The NJDOE encourages administrators to consider exceptional educators with diverse backgrounds to ensure that honorees represent the ethnic and racial diversity of New Jersey.

Nominating Exemplary Educators

Administrators can nominate up to three total teachers, specialists, and principals from New Jersey public school districts (including charter schools and renaissance school projects) who have:

- taught for at least five years;
- demonstrated exceptional teaching and leadership abilities; and
- received a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on their latest final summative evaluation.

Administrators must complete and submit the online [2022 Exemplary Educator Recognition Program Recommendation Form](#) for each nominee. To submit a nomination, administrators will need a *district-level Exemplary Educator account* from their district's Homeroom Administrator.

Completed nomination forms must be submitted online *by 4 p.m. EST Friday, April 8, 2022*. For full criteria and recommendation form information, please refer to this [information sheet](#).

Nominations are confidential and should not be shared with recommended nominees. If a nominated candidate is selected as an Exemplary Educator, their nominator will receive a certificate of recognition in November 2022 via mail to share with the awardees at that time.

Contact information

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nancy Besant, Educator Recognition Program Coordinator, at nancy.besant@doe.nj.gov.

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