

PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEACHER RECOGNITION PROGRAM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONALS' PROGRAM NOMINATING PETITION

The Teacher Recognition Program was developed for the purpose of acknowledging teachers/educational services professionals who exhibit outstanding performance. One candidate from each of our schools is selected to be honored by the Board of Education, Superintendent and District Administrators. Teachers/Educational Services Professionals may be nominated by administrators, teachers, other staff members, students, parents or other citizens. **Please use ink or type.**

Nominating Petitions with narratives must be received in Human Resources no later than March 29, 2019, by 4:00 p.m., or they will not be considered for this year's award. Please mail or send through interoffice mail (no e-mails please) your petition with narrative to:

Piscataway Township Board of Education
Attention: Catherine Sousa, Director of Human Resources
1515 Stelton Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

(based on performance from the **2017/2018** school year, **not current school year**)

SCHOOL _____

GRADE LEVEL OR ASSIGNMENT _____

Signature of person making nomination Print Name of person making nomination

I am a: [] Staff Member

[] Parent

[] Student - Grade _____

[] Citizen

My telephone number is: _____

In order for the Committee to review the candidate you are nominating, you **MUST DESCRIBE** on an attached sheet, the nominee's exceptional contributions, and how they have met the criteria outlined in the attached guidelines during the **2017/2018 school year (last year)**. **Please write in ink or type.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NOMINEES MUST HAVE BEEN FULL OR PART-TIME
TEACHERS/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONALS AND WERE DISTRICT
EMPLOYEES DURING THE 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

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Teacher Recognition Program Educational Services Professionals Program

GUIDELINES

Background and General Instructions

The **Teacher Recognition Program** was developed for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance. The rationale for this program is based on the premise that teaching excellence is one of the most significant factors impacting student achievement and the quality of public schools. Further, acknowledging excellence encourages teachers to continue to strive towards that goal.

Each school building with at least ten teachers and/or ten educational services professionals may **have one teacher or one educational services professional** to be recognized at the event.

In order to ensure the use of common criteria for the selection of teachers and educational services professionals, our district will adhere to use of the following guidelines:

Composition of the Selection Panel

The district selection panel will meet to review the nominated candidates. The district selection panel will include an administrator, a teacher, and a parent/guardian. It should consist of up to nine members:

- 3 selected by the Board of Education;
- 3 selected by the bargaining unit;
- If the bargaining unit does not select 3 members, then up to 3 more can be appointed by the Board of Education; and
- 3 selected jointly by the Board and the bargaining unit.

The following criteria must be considered when nominating a Teacher or Educational Services Professional:

Criteria for Selection of Exceptional Teachers

Teachers must:

- Hold an appropriate instructional certificate;
- Set high expectations for all students;
- Establish a positive classroom climate and rapport with all students;
- Develop feelings of self-worth and a love of learning in all students;
- Increase student achievement of the *New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards* in a student-centered learning environment;
- Use a variety of instructional strategies that enable students to be successful;
- Use educational technology effectively in support of learning; and
- Contribute to quality professional development in their district.

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Criteria for Selection of Exceptional Educational Services Professionals

Educational services professionals must:

- Hold an appropriate educational services professional certificate;
- Interact positively with students, staff and parents while functioning as a frontline advocate for the student between home and school;
- Foster an appropriate environment for learning and explore creative alternatives to enable all students to achieve to their fullest potential;
- Interact with students in ways that demonstrate professionalism while retaining respect, humor, compassion and concern for the whole child;
- Support student achievement of the *New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards* while addressing the educational, social and emotional needs of all students; and
- Contribute to quality professional development in their district.

Educational Services Professionals may be classified as one of the following:

- Associate School Library Media Specialist
- School Athletic Trainer
- Director of School Counseling Services
- School Counselor
- School Library Media Specialist
- Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
- Reading Specialist
- School Nurse (Instructional and Non-instructional)
- School Occupational Therapist
- School Physical Therapist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Speech-Language Specialist
- Substance Awareness Coordinator
- Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations
- Cooperative Education Coordinator
- County Apprenticeship Coordinator
- Educational Interpreter (Sign Language Interpreting, Oral Interpreting, and Cued Speech Transliteration).