



“TEACHER OF THE MONTH” ***Outstanding Classroom Teacher Recognition Program***

The task of the excellent teacher is to stimulate "apparently ordinary" people to unusual effort. The tough problem is not in identifying winners: it is in making winners out of ordinary people. ~K. Patricia Cross

THE SELECTION PROCESS

A “*Teacher of the Month*” will be selected on a monthly basis from ALL grade levels. Campus colleagues and administrators may nominate teachers. An impartial selection committee comprised of campus principal, assistant principal/instructional officer, and department/grade level chair selects the “*Teacher of the Month*” nominee for their campus from those nominated using specific criteria. A DSC committee will select the District’s “*Teacher of the Month*” from nominees selected by the campus committees.

THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINEES

The nominated teacher should possess and demonstrate consistently:

- The ability to create a love of learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds.
- High expectations for all students.
- A strong sense of values, integrity and professional ethics.
- The ability to learn and experiment with new ideas in order to expand their professional knowledge base.
- Strong human relations/strong cooperative skills with students, parents, colleagues, administration, and community.
- Knowledge of subject and curriculum content, of student growth and development, of instruction and assessment.
- Clear understanding of their beliefs and practices.
- Strong communication skills.
- Energy, enthusiasm, a positive attitude & dependability.
- Commitment to community service.

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NOMINATION FORM

Nominee’s Name: _____ **ID#:** _____

Nominee’s School: _____

Grade Taught: _____ **Subject Taught:** _____

Please explain why you feel the educator you are nominating should be the Teacher of the Month. Some things to consider: the teacher’s methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the teaching profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff.

The Teacher of the Month becomes eligible for the *EPISD Teacher of the Year Award*.

Nominator Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATION: First Tuesday of the month