



Attributes for Teacher Nomination

Effectiveness as a Classroom Teacher

The teacher ensures that individual student needs are met by effectively using a variety of teaching methods and resources. The teacher's lessons have a clearly defined structure that include the essential elements of quality teaching: student engagement, exploration of new learning, appropriate pacing of lessons, questioning to develop higher order thinking skills and lesson closure to ensure students' understanding.

Creativity and Innovation in the Classroom/Position

The teacher seeks to improve his/her craft, understands the importance of professional development, and is willing to try new techniques that improve his/her respective skills. The teacher uses new knowledge and research to improve instruction and shares this expertise with others.

Impact on Student Learning

The teacher uses formative and summative assessment data to plan instruction that is relevant to all students, thereby promoting academic growth in all children.

Ability to Raise Aspirations of Students

The teacher inspires students to think about the possibilities the world beyond the classroom has to offer. The teacher challenges students to consider their place in the world and how they can contribute to the community around them.

Commitment to Students/District

The teacher seeks ways to foster student growth beyond the classroom and daily classwork. The teacher understands that the work of a teacher cannot be quantified, that commitment to students and their education entails doing whatever it take to help children be successful.

Role Model for Students

The teacher creates an atmosphere of mutual respect among teachers and students by actively demonstrating respect for others. The teacher consistently exemplifies positive attributes that inspire admiration.

High Expectations for Students

The teacher establishes and maintains high expectations and support systems for all students.

Commitment to Teaching Profession

The teacher actively participates in and supports the educational decision-making process. He/she attends and actively contributes to committees, meetings, and events at school and district levels. The teacher provides leadership in professional development and demonstrates the effective use of new knowledge and/or research to improve instruction.

Ability to Raise Aspirations of Colleagues

The teacher demonstrates passion and excitement for the profession that inspires colleagues to raise expectations for their own students and increases their commitment to the profession.

Role Model for Peers

The teacher communicates respectfully with others and consistently fosters a positive work climate. The teacher maintains confidentiality and models the highest level of professionalism at all times. The teacher's commitment to the teaching profession is always evident.



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Nominee's Name	
Nominee's School	

Nominator's Name	
Nominator's School	
Nominator's Signature/Date	

Nomination Justification:

The following outline is provided to describe key qualities, traits, or characteristics of the nominee.

- 1) Describe how the nominee demonstrates excellence in the area of **Teaching**, give specific examples:

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- 2) Describe how the nominee demonstrates excellence in the area of **Commitment**, give specific examples:

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- 3) Describe how the nominee demonstrates excellence in the area of **Leadership**, give specific examples:

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- 4) Describe how the nominee demonstrates excellence in the area of **Student Centered**, give specific examples:

- 5) List outstanding accomplishments, such as awards, letters of appreciation, etc.: