

# CALIBER AWARDS

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR GENERAL INFORMATION

The faculty/staff of a school, center or technical college nominates one candidate for the Broward County Public Schools Teacher of the Year Award. *If the faculty/staff chooses not to participate in the process, the principal nominates a teacher from the faculty.*

### SELECTION CRITERIA

The nominee is evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrates a superior ability to foster excellence in education; contributes to the continuous improvement of student learning and the school environment; and maintains a record of superior teaching performance as evidenced by student learning gains, annual performance assessment and recognition of work.
  - A positive impact on student learning can be reflected in the form of achievement, learning growth, or a combination of the two.
  - Available data will be reviewed by the selection committee in context by comparing performance to school, District, state and/or national performance as appropriate.
- Utilizes original or innovative instructional materials, methods, curriculum or tools, such as interdisciplinary instruction, project-based learning, research-based programs or technology, to facilitate instruction.
- Actively engages in targeted, collaborative and sustained professional development and demonstrates leadership in educational activities at the school, District, or state and national level, such as active membership in an advisory council, task force or professional organization, or through involvement as a grade level or department chair.
- Exhibits a commitment to creating a climate of caring and respect inside and outside of the classroom with students, families and other stakeholders conducive to effective teaching and learning and engages parents/families in the learning process to enhance student achievement

### ELIGIBILITY

The following full-time educators are eligible for nomination:

- Grades Pre-K through 12 classroom teachers
- Adult education teachers
- Postsecondary vocational/technical education teachers
- Department chairpersons who actively engage in classroom teaching
- Guidance counselors
- Media specialists
- Speech/language pathologists
- Special area teachers (i.e. ESE, world languages, music)
- Other professional educators performing instructional support services with students (i.e. school psychologists, school social workers and instructional coaches)

**School personnel who work in an administrative or supervisory capacity, such as principals or deans of students, are ineligible.**

*\*Only candidates meeting the eligibility and selection criteria will be considered for the award.*

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## TEACHER OF THE YEAR TIMELINE

Nominations must be completed by **Friday, September 13, 2024.**

Nominees download the application information, and email the completed packet to their Principal by **Friday, September 27, 2024.**

**NOTE:** Application packet must be submitted as one document; multiple documents will **not** be accepted. Please use the following format when naming the document: LastName.FirstName\_SchoolName\_TOY.

Principals email their nominee's application packet and checklist\* to their respective Regional Administrator by **Wednesday, October 2, 2024.**

Each Regional Administrator forms a screening committee. The committee screens the applications submitted by the schools in each region and selects the top applicants\*\*. The Regional Administrator forwards the names and corresponding applications for their top teachers (for a total of 10) to Dr. Carolyn Stewart in the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs at carolyn.stewart@browardschools.com by **Friday, October 18, 2024.**

Finalists record digital classroom presentation and submit video's YouTube link to Dr. Carolyn Stewart in the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs at carolyn.stewart@browardschools.com for review by the District Screening Committee by **Friday, December 13, 2024.**

District Screening Committee views the digital classroom presentations and interviews finalists by **Wednesday, January 8, 2025.**

Teacher of the Year nominees and guests from all schools are invited to the Caliber Awards ceremony, a recognition event, which takes place on **Friday, February 7, 2025,** at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center. The name of the Broward County Public Schools Teacher of the Year will be announced at that time.



\*Checklist included in Nomination Guidelines.

\*\* North, Central and South regions submit three applicants; School Transformation Office submits one applicant.

### Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Teacher of the Year Program

- The Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs forwards the application packet for the District's finalist to the Commissioner of Education for consideration for the Florida Teacher of the Year.
- Based upon the availability of funds, the FDOE presents awards to the Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education, each Finalist and each District Teacher of the Year. The awards are distributed during the Teacher of the Year Roundtable.

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