

celebrate GreatTeaching

School year _____

in Lancaster County School District

How to nominate a GreatTeacher

- ◆ **At least two people must work together on a single nomination form and sign it for it to be considered.**
- ◆ On the next two pages are characteristics we look for as we select our **GreatTeaching Award** winners and the weight we will give each characteristic.
- ◆ Under each characteristic, please check the actions you have seen demonstrated by the teacher you're nominating. *You must give specific examples of your teacher's actions or the nomination **will not** be considered.*
- ◆ Please note that it is not necessary to complete each characteristic. For areas you have not observed, you should write *not observed* in the Examples section.

The **GreatTeacher** you're nominating _____

Please include first & last name

School _____

- Category **Beginning GreatTeaching Award** (A teacher with no more than three years of experience)
- Elementary GreatTeaching Award** (A teacher in Grades PreK-5 with more than three years of experience)
- Middle School GreatTeaching Award** (A teacher in Grades 6-8 with more than three years of experience)
- High School GreatTeaching Award** (A teacher in Grades 9-12 with more than three years of experience)

Two persons nominating this teacher and your relationships to this teacher

Nominator 1

First & last name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

- student
- former student
- parent of student in the teacher's class
- parent of former student
- administrator
- fellow teacher

Nominator 2

First & last name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

- student
- former student
- parent of student in the teacher's class
- parent of former student
- administrator
- fellow teacher

Is skilled, innovative and dedicated (60%)

A GreatTeacher...

- has high expectations for students
- is always prepared for class
- is knowledgeable
- teaches in a way that inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- uses a variety of teaching strategies
- works to address differences in learning styles
- makes class and school enjoyable
- uses available technology appropriately
- is available to work with students outside class
- understands and cares about students
- treats students with respect and is fair and consistent
- makes students feel important
- communicates with parents

Examples

Contributes to the community (10%)

A GreatTeacher...

- takes part in community service activities through civic or religious organizations
- leads students in community service activities

Examples

Is a professional (20%)

A GreatTeacher...

- possesses a local, state and national perspective of educational issues and positions
- belongs to professional organizations
- sets a professional example for other educators
- takes advantage of professional growth opportunities and applies new concepts in the classroom
- is able and willing to conduct workshops and inservices
- shares ideas and successful strategies with fellow teachers
- realizes the importance of being part of the educational team at the local, state and national levels

Examples

Serves as an ambassador for education (10%)

A GreatTeacher...

- has the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues
- is a positive, encouraging person who promotes the good things that are happening in our schools
- is poised and articulate, with excellent written and oral skills
- is able to provide presentations and workshops to diverse audiences in his/her area of expertise

Examples

Celebrate Great Teaching!

Hundreds of great teachers work in our schools, and we know trying to select four of them for great teaching will be a very difficult task.

But we believe that recognizing great teaching is important. It lets our community know the great things teachers are doing for children, and it lets our teachers know what we consider the characteristics of great teaching.

We hope everyone will share in our celebration of great teaching, and we hope you have a teacher you want to recognize for a great job in the classroom.

We look forward to reading your nominations.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Phipps
Superintendent

The process

- ◆ Nominations due by end of first semester. No nominations accepted late.
- ◆ Committee of educators and community members selects recipients by May 1.
- ◆ **GreatTeaching Awards** will be announced during August inservice.

Who can be nominated

- ◆ Regular classroom teachers
- ◆ Resource and special education teachers
- ◆ Media specialists
- ◆ Guidance counselors

How we'll recognize them

- ◆ A special **GreatTeaching Award**
- ◆ \$500 for classroom supplies for each Great Teaching Award recipient and \$1,000 for classroom supplies for the District Great Teaching Award recipient
- ◆ Special gifts from the community

Who we'll recognize

- ◆ **Beginning GreatTeaching Award**
Teachers with no more than three years experience may be nominated.
- ◆ **Elementary GreatTeaching Award**
Teachers in Grades PreK-5 with more than three years of experience may be nominated.
- ◆ **Middle School GreatTeaching Award**
Teachers in Grades 6-8 with more than three years of experience may be nominated.
- ◆ **High School GreatTeaching Award**
Teachers in Grades 9-12 with more than three years of experience may be nominated.
- ◆ **District GreatTeaching Award**
Selected from the four teachers above and will serve as the district's representative in the State Teacher of the Year program.

Where to send nominations

Send or bring your nominations to your child's school, or send to:

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Lancaster County School District
300 South Catawba Street
Lancaster, SC 29720