



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Staff Involved with Educator Recognition
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Division of Teaching and Learning Services
Deadline: December 6, 2024

Nominations Sought for 2024-2025 Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition Program

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) strives to recognize educators who have gone above and beyond in their service to New Jersey's students. Now, more than ever before, is the time to celebrate New Jersey's outstanding educators. Therefore, every school in every district is encouraged to participate in Governor's Educator of the Year program to honor the hardworking teachers and educational services professionals for their dedication to their students and the profession.

This program promotes a culture that recognizes excellence, creates a sense of pride and brings public attention to the work of outstanding educators. Please remember to consider exceptional educators with diverse backgrounds to ensure that honorees represent the ethnic/racial diversity of our state.

Instructions

- 1) Review and access all pertinent forms on the [Governor's Educator of the Year Program Materials webpage](#);
- 2) Adhere to the [timelines](#) and [eligibility criteria](#) by following the [school level instructions](#) to nominate and select one Teacher of the Year and one Educational Services Professional of the Year per school by November 29, 2024;
- 3) Register your Teacher of the Year and Educational Services Professional of the Year by first uploading your completed School Information Form and then completing the fields in the [GEOY online form](#) by December 6, 2024; and
- 4) Notify all nominated educators in your school by December 11, 2024.

All registered Teachers of the Year and Educational Services Professionals of the Year will receive a state awards certificate from their County Office of Education.

Contact Information

For questions, please contact Nancy Besant at nancy.besant@doe.nj.gov. As always, the NJDOE appreciates the continued collaboration in recognizing the great work of New Jersey's outstanding educators.

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