Hunterdon Central Regional High School

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Dear HC Students and Parents/Guardians,

This year, we are providing an opportunity for staff, students, parents, and any member of the community to nominate a staff member for recognition in the 2025-2026 Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition Program. If there is a Hunterdon Central teacher or support staff member that has made a difference in your life or your student's life, please consider submitting a nomination for that educator.

Detailed information and a nomination form will be posted on Hunterdon Central's website under the Community menu tab, then click on "Educator of the Year".

Please note that nominations must be returned to Beth Drong, Executive Assistant to the Principal, by 12:00 PM on Monday, November 17, 2025. The forms may be submitted electronically to bdrong@hcrhs.org, placed in the red drop off box on either campus, or mailed to HCRHS, Attention: Beth Drong, 84 Route 31, Flemington, NJ, 08822.

As a school community, we have a lot to be proud of so let's show our Hunterdon Central pride and appreciation for our educators by recognizing their good work. We have so many skilled and talented individuals to choose from.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Respectfully,

Edward C. Brandt
Principal

Jessica Cangelosi-Hade
Superintendent

Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Nomination Form

Do you know a classroom teacher or educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing this nomination form template and returning it to the building principal by the specified deadline. Administrators, staff members, students, parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

Please return this form to the building principal by Nov 17, 2025, noon

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

- Serves as an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside the classroom;
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators and colleagues; and
- Plays an active role in the community as well as the school.

Nominee Information

Name: _____

School: _____

School District: _____

Current Position: _____

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Nomination

Please explain why you feel the educator deserves recognition, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the educator's methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the education profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff. **The more compelling the response, the better. Please use as much space as possible. If you need additional space, please feel free to attach your response separately and indicate in the form field below that you are doing so.**

Eligibility Criteria

Requirements

Any educators nominated for this award must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher (PreK to grade12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or an educational services professional (ESP) who is listed as one of the eligible enrollment areas
- Must have the latest summative rating of at least effective; if the teacher or the ESP has not received a summative rating at the time of application, then their most current practice rating should be at least effective or the equivalent
- Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- Actively collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success
- Demonstrate leadership and innovation in educational activities at the school, district and/or state and national levels that take place both within and outside the school setting
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues
- Have not earned the title of school, county or state Teacher of the Year nor ESP of the Year for the past five (5) years

Note: There is no requirement for minimum number of years in the classroom, however as an ambassador for education, this is an award based on merit and leadership and not to be given out solely based on years of service, like a retirement award.

Educational Services Professional of the Year Enrollment Area

In order to compete for Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as one of the following:

- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Athletic Trainer
- Behavior Specialist
- Child Study Team
- Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations
- Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech, Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
- Guidance / School Counselor
- Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
- Library Media Specialist
- Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach
- Nurse (Instructional & Non-instructional)
- Occupational Therapist
- Paraprofessional (Instructional only)
- Physical Therapist
- Psychologist
- Reading Specialist / Reading Coach
- Social Worker
- Speech Language Specialist
- Student Assistant Coordinator
- Technology Coach

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