

2026 Teacher of the Year

Teacher of the Year Winners

Congratulations to all of our Teacher of the Year candidates who were nominated by their school. Teachers are heroes everyday and we are proud of our TPSS teachers! Here is the list of our TPSS Teacher of the Year Recipients from each school:

Elementary Teacher of the Year Winners:

NAME	SCHOOL
Ashley Green	Amite Elementary Magnet School
Leanna Kerbow	Chesbrough Elementary School
Leeann Higgins	DC Reeves Elementary School
LaFrenchie Stonom	Hammond Eastside Magnet School (lower)
Brandy Owens	Hammond Westside Montessori School (lower)
Latoya Edwards	Independence Leadership Academy
Bridget Farace	Loranger Elementary School
Lavon Youngblood - District Winner	Midway Elementary School
Lataura Knighten	O. W. Dillon Elementary School
Carolyn Stoma	Perrin Early Learning Center
Lyndsey DeVaney	SLU Lab School
Paula Martin	Spring Creek Elementary School
Amber Johnson	Tucker Elementary School
Joyce Foster	Woodland Park Magnet School

Middle School Teacher of the Year Winners:

NAME	SCHOOL
Creyuanna Johnson	Amite Westside Middle Magnet School
Paula Mcilrath	Champ Cooper Elementary School
Heather Chadwick	Greenville Park Leadership Academy
Tchad Bailey	Hammond Eastside IB School (Upper)
Mary Jane McDonald	Hammond Westside Montessori School (Upper)
Lee Bond	Loranger Middle School
Angela Showers-Lloyd	Lucille Nesom Memorial School
Rachel Taylor	Martha Vinyard Elementary School
Nancy McAlister	Natalbany Middle School
Meghan Bare	Ponchatoula Junior High School
Hannah Simeon - District Winner	Roseland Montessori School
Mildred "Beth" Brabham	Sumner Middle School

High School Teacher of the Year Winners:

NAME	SCHOOL
Nancy Harrelson	Advanced College & Career Magnet Center
Lolita Cuti	Amite High Magnet School
Gwendolyn Peters	Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center
Regina Bell - District Winner	Hammond High Magnet School
Holly Milazzo	Independence High Magnet School
Tyler Morgan	Kentwood High Magnet School
Sandra Givens	Loranger High School
Amy Legendre	Ponchatoula High School
Jason Thompson	Sumner High School
Siltanese Montgomery	TAS
Chaz Ladner	TPSS Virtual Learning Option

2026 New Teacher of the Year

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NAME	SCHOOL
LaQuan Junior	Amite Elementary Magnet School
Dave Petit	Amite High Magnet School
Paul Smith	Amite Westside Middle Magnet School
Jasmine Buras	Champ Cooper Elementary School
Nikki Varnado	Chesbrough Elementary School
Tracy Robertson - Elementary District Winner	DC Reeves Elementary School
Liseth Alvarez	Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center
Ian Malhiot	Greenville Park Leadership Academy
Taylor Husser	Hammond Eastside Magnet Upper School
Mary Schexnayder - High School District Winner	Independence High Magnet School
Molly Valente	Loranger Elementary School
Emily Guagliardo	Ponchatoula High School
Sara Brabham	Spring Creek Elementary
Abby Edwards	Sumner High School
Kelsey Fussell	Sumner Middle School

Tangipahoa Parish District Winners

TPSS District Winners for Teacher of the Year

Elementary - Lavon Ricks-Youngblood - Midway Elementary
Middle School - Hannah Simeon - Roseland Montessori School
High School - Regina Bell - Hammond High Magnet School

TPSS District Winners for New Teacher of the Year

Elementary - Tracy Robertson - DC Reeves Elementary
High School - Mary Schexnayder - Independence High Magnet School

TPSS District Winner for Principal of the Year

Sharess Baptiste - High School Principal of the Year

TPSS District Winner for Early Childhood Teacher of the Year

Sarah LaCroix - Perrin Early Learning Center