KALAMAZOO RESA
Special Education
Parent Advisory Committee

"EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION" AWARD

2026 Nomination Form

The "Excellence in Special Education" Award is sponsored by the Kalamazoo RESA Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

The PAC invites you to nominate an individual for the Excellence in Special Education Award. This honor recognizes those who exceed the expectations of their role to provide outstanding support for students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). We encourage parents, guardians, and students to share their stories of excellence by completing this form or submitting online at: www.kresa.org/special-education/technical-assistance

Nominees must be currently employed by a school district within Kalamazoo County or by Kalamazoo RESA. This award honors those who go above and beyond to support, inspire, and empower students with disabilities to reach their fullest potential.

TO NOMINATE, PLEASE:

- Complete this page and the required supporting criteria form (attached)
- Return both the nomination form and supporting criteria by Friday, **February 27, 2026**

Return Electronically to:
Kristin.ghiringhelli@kresa.org

Or Send by US Mail to:
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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee (First and Last Name):

_____

Position/Title (e.g., Teacher, Parapro, Therapist, etc.):

_____

School District: _____

School/Building Name: _____

NOMINATED BY

Name:_____

Relationship to Student:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

Does your student have a current IEP or IFSP in Effect Yes ☐ No ☐

Information can be shared with the Nominee Yes ☐ No ☐

Criteria for Excellence in Education Award Nominee

In order to best assist the PAC Leadership Team in their selection of this year's Excellence in Education Award winners, please provide detailed examples of how your nominee qualifies in the following areas:

1. **Communication With Parent(s), Families and Guardians**

2. **Helps child reach maximum potential and meets his/her/their needs:**

3. **Increases child's self-esteem:**

4. **Displays team member skills:**

- **Please provide any additional supporting comments below, in regard to your nominee and how he/she/they have made a significant positive impact in your child's educational experience.**