

Volusia County School District Teacher of the Year Eligibility/Criteria

PURPOSE

The Teacher of the Year program is an effort to honor one teacher who will represent of all the excellent teachers in Volusia County. It is in this spirit that you are encouraged to participate by nominating a teacher from your school.

ELIGIBILITY

The following full-time district educators are eligible for nomination:

Classroom teachers in traditional and charter public schools - Grades Pre-K through 12

Guidance counselors

Media specialists

Speech/language pathologists

Special area teachers (e.g., exceptional student education, world languages, music)

Other professional educators performing instructional support services with students (e.g., school psychologists, school social workers, and instructional coaches – must work directly with children)

Adult education teachers

Postsecondary vocational/technical education teachers

School personnel who work in an administrative or supervisory capacity, such as principals or deans of students, are ineligible.

Former nominees are not excluded from being nominated again. Nominations should be made without regard to race, age, sex, national origin, religion, or disability. **Nominees must be skillful and dedicated teachers who have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues.**

CRITERIA

The below criteria used by the District and State Screening Committees will assist you in making your nomination.

Teacher of the Year candidates shall have a track record of a positive impact on student learning.

- A positive impact on student learning can be reflected in the form of achievement, learning growth, or a combination of the two
- Available data will be reviewed by the selection committee in context by comparing performance to school, district, state, and/or national performance as appropriate
- Examples of data may include but are not limited to: proficiency rates on IB, AP, AICE, EOC, and FSA assessments, Music Performance Assessment scores, VAM scores, CTE Pass Rates, learning growth on FSA grade-level assessments

- Teachers who have recent VAM scores that are not classified as at least Effective using the State Board of Education's approved methodology will not be considered

Must be willing and able to attend the Teacher of the Year roundtable and gala awards ceremony held in Orlando in mid-July.

Must have a minimum of four years completed experience with Volusia County Schools as a full-time district educator as listed on the eligibility category on page one.

Must have a minimum of two full years of teaching (2023-2024- 2024-2025) in the nominating school.

Schools

One nominee will be selected for each school listed below:

- 45 Elementary Schools
- 12 Middle Schools
- 10 High Schools
- Alternative Education School -DJJ or Highbanks
- Alternative Education School- Riverview Learning Center
- Burns Science & Technology
- Ivy Hawn Charter
- Reading Charter
- Richard Millburn
- The Chiles Academy
- Volusia Online Learning