

Santa Rosa Teacher of the Year 2014

Each School Nominee will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- Demonstrates a superior ability to foster excellence in education and contribute to the continuous improvement of student learning and the school environment
- Displays expertise in content area and demonstrates relevant teaching in the subject matter
- Utilizes original and/or innovative instructional materials, methods, curriculum, or tools, such as interdisciplinary instruction, project-based learning, research-based programs, or technology to facilitate instruction
- Maintains a record of superior teaching performance as evidenced by student gains, annual performance assessments, and recognition of work
- Actively participates in continued professional development as evidenced by completion of relevant training and/or advanced degrees
- Demonstrates leadership in educational activities at the school, district, and/or state and national level, such as active membership in an advisory council, task force, or professional organization, or through involvement as a grade level or department chair
- Displays exemplary interpersonal skills in communicating with students, parents and community members as well as in collaboration with other professionals
- Participates in peer coaching and mentoring activities
- Utilizes research techniques in the classroom to improve the teaching and learning process
- Engages parents/families in learning process to enhance student achievement
- Promotes literacy thorough the use of reading strategies in instruction and/or the implementation of projects intended to enhance student reading skills
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to creating a climate of caring and respect conducive to effective teaching and learning
- Evidences dedication to his/her community through active participation in service-oriented projects, volunteer work, etc.
- Demonstrates poise, eloquence and ability to withstand a taxing schedule