

DENVER TEACHERS' AWARDS

**Distinguished Teachers' Awards
Nomination Form
Due February 10, 2009**

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Checklist for this Nomination:

- Information on the Two Nominators
- The Required Information for the Nominated Teacher
- The Nominated Teacher has Taught for Five Years
- The Nominated Teacher is A Licensed Colorado Teacher
- All of the Questions Answered
- Supporting Documentation in Booklet Form
- The Booklet is Under 50 Pages

**Celebrating Over 50 Years of Supporting Education by
Annually Honoring Distinguished Denver Public School Teachers
for their Excellence in Teaching.**

Instructions

- To be eligible for nomination, a teacher must have taught for five years in the Denver Public Schools prior to the year of nomination, must be teaching the current year, must be a Colorado licensed teacher, and must not have won this award before.
- One nomination per school will be accepted. Schools listed as K-8 may submit one nomination for a teacher at the K-5 level and one nomination for a teacher at the grade 6-8 level. A teacher must be nominated by at least two people.
- Please read the entire form before starting in order to organize your responses and avoid any duplication of information.
- Provide a completed nomination form with answers to the questions listed along with documentation in a memory book which contains copies of letters and pictures which support the information provided. Supplementary endorsements may be in the form of letters and testimonial statements and generally should be in the range of 15 to 20 pages, but should not exceed 50 pages. Endorsements may be obtained from current and former students, faculty, administrators, parents, friends and members of the school community. Endorsements from students must be voluntary. Specific comments and examples are usually more helpful than is general praise.
- Organize the responses to the questions in such a way that the judges may quickly understand the main answer with supporting material and comments following. Make it easy for the judges to recognize your nominee's teaching excellence. Emphasize why you feel this teacher is truly superior and unique. Again, specific illustrations are most helpful in telling your story.
- Completed nomination forms and the memory book are to be delivered to the first floor Welcome Center, Room 105, in the Denver Public Schools Administration Building, located at 900 Grant Street on or before **Tuesday, February 10, 2009**. For additional information, contact Mrs. Norma Wick at 303-759-1377, Ms. Sharon Tave at 303-863-3701, or Dorolyn Griebenaw at 303-477-4125. Information is also available at www.denverteachersawards.org

List the nominators below. Each teacher must be nominated by at least two people.

Nominator No. 1

Nominator No. 2

Position

Position

Address

Address

City/State/Zip

City/State/Zip

Home Telephone

Home Telephone

Work Telephone

Work Telephone

Email Address

Email Address

Please Print the Required Information for Your Nominee:

Nominated Teacher
Last First Initial
School..... School Telephone
School Address.....
Principal's Name
Number of Years Teacher has Served in Current Position.....
Total Number of Years Taught..... Present Subject or Grade Teaching.....
Teacher's Home Address.....
Street City Zip
Teacher's Home Telephone.....Email Address.....

Comment on the teacher's ability in the areas listed below giving specific examples wherever possible. Answer each question and provide letters, pictures, articles or other examples to document the teacher's expertise. The information should be placed in a notebook or scrapbook for submission with this completed nomination form.

1. Describe the different ways this teacher develops a positive classroom atmosphere and climate that helps learning? Describe how the teacher works with the students.
2. How does this teacher demonstrate a love for education and the teaching of students?
3. How does this teacher inspire creative and critical thinking and motivate students to want to learn?
4. Describe and provide examples of how the teacher manages the classroom and recognizes and accommodates learning styles and other student differences.
5. How does this teacher help students get along with each other?
6. How does this teacher encourage students to think and evaluate information in order to make sound decisions?
7. Describe how this teacher helps students develop responsibility and accountability for their decisions.
8. How does this teacher inspire growth and leadership when working with others (students, parents, other teachers, the administration, and community members)?
9. What makes this teacher exceptional and deserving of a nomination as "DPS Distinguished Teacher?"
10. Provide at least three (3) short statements (suitable for quoting) which explains what makes this teacher special.