

# DENVER TEACHERS' AWARDS

**Distinguished Teachers' Awards  
Nomination Form  
Due Tuesday, January 31, 2012**

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**Checklist for this Nomination:**

- Contact 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 Have Been Answered**
- The Nomination Form is Complete and Included**
- Supporting Documentation Provided 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 that 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 Board of Education Office, Room 110, in the Denver Public Schools Administration Building, located at 900 Grant Street on or before **Tuesday, January 31, 2012**. For additional information, contact Dorolyn Griebenaw at 303-477-4125 or Norma Wick at 303-759-1377. Information is also available at [www.denverteachersawards.org](http://www.denverteachersawards.org)

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

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Nominator No. 1

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Nominator No. 2

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Position

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Address

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Address

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City/State/Zip

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City/State/Zip

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Home Telephone

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Home Telephone

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Work Telephone

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Work Telephone

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Email Address

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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 State 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 for 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. Describe the innovative ways this teacher helps 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 engagement in learning and the development of leadership qualities when working with others (students, parents, other teachers, the administration, and community members)?
9. Explain what makes this teacher exceptional and deserving of this nomination for "DPS Distinguished Teacher."
10. Provide at least three (3) short statements (suitable for quoting) which explain what makes this teacher special.