



Olathe Public Schools Foundation

Educator Excellence Recognition Program (E²)

The Foundation's E² program recognizes district **certified or licensed educators** who demonstrate teaching excellence and positively represent their fellow educators. The Foundation will recognize up to 18 certified educators during the school year.

Nominations carry over for review month to month for a period of one year (or 3 semesters)

Nomination forms are due by the first of each month, August through May

A complete application must consist of 6 supporting letters as outlined below:

- 1 letter of recommendation from a parent
- 1 letter of recommendation from a colleague
- 1 letter of recommendation from a current or former student
- 3 additional letters of recommendation from any of the above categories
(Parent and student nominators should be members of different families.)

Supporting letters should focus on and include **specific examples** of the nominee's demonstrated teaching excellence in the following three areas:

- Excels in meeting educational needs of students
- Excels in communicating with parents
- Excels in working with staff within the educational environment

Each monthly recipient receives an unrestricted grant in the amount of \$500 and other commemorative items. The recipient also will be recognized as follows:

- OPSF Publications including the Annual Report
- OPSF Website, Facebook page, and e-newsletters
- OPSF Educator Excellence Award plaque and signage
- Olathe District Schools publications and website
- District InfOlathe School News
- Foundation board meeting

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EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____ Date: _____

Building: _____ Grade or Content Area: _____

Number of years employed by the Olathe Public Schools District: _____

Lead Nominator: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION:

- (1) Excels in meeting educational needs of students
- (2) Excels in communicating with parents
- (3) Excels in working with staff within the educational environment.

ONLY nominations which meet ALL three above criteria will be considered

INSTRUCTIONS:

Each nominator should write a short essay describing how the certified educator meets all of the above three listed criteria. Please give specific examples. Attach this form as the cover sheet to the six recommendations for nomination.

NOMINATORS:

Two students or former students, two parents, and two colleagues are required for E² nominations. **Nominating student should not be related to nominating parent.** List nominators below, including address, e-mail, and phone number for each nominator.

(1) Student: _____

(2) Parent: _____

(3) Colleague: _____

(4) Other, please specify: _____

(5) Other, please specify: _____

(6) Other, please specify: _____

Principal Name (Please Print): _____

Principal Signature: _____

A copy of the nomination packet may be returned to: Olathe Public Schools Foundation; 300 E. Loula Street; Olathe, KS 66061. Or, a PDF copy may be submitted to: foundation@olatheschools.org.

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