

Do you know a teacher who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference?

The classroom teacher is the backbone of the American educational system. No one person has a greater impact on the education of a child than does the teacher who creates the primary learning and instructional environment.

Nominate a teacher for the 2024 Britton-Hecla Teacher of the Year Award.

To nominate a teacher for the Britton-Hecla Teacher of the Year Award, simply complete this form and send it to Steve Benson, PO Box 190, Britton, SD 57430 or email to Steve.Benson@k12.sd.us by 4:00 pm March 3rd, 2023.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's School: _____

Grade(s) Taught: _____ **Subject(s) Taught:** _____

Please explain why you feel the educator you are nominating should be the District Teacher of the Year, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the teacher's methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the teaching profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff. Please Note:

A District TOY candidate who wishes to be considered for Region and State Teacher of the Year **must:** be a fully certified teacher; be employed by a South Dakota accredited school district - pre-kindergarten through grade twelve; have at least 3 full years of teaching experience; be planning to continue in an active teaching status (supervisory and administrative responsibilities are secondary considerations) for at least 2 more years; For more information on the Teacher of the Year Program visit, <http://doe.sd.gov/oatg/teacheroftheyear.aspx>.

The Britton-Hecla Teacher of the Year becomes eligible to apply for the Regional Teacher of the Year Award, and possibly for the South Dakota and/or the National Teacher of the Year Award.

Nominator Signature: _____ **Printed Name:** _____

Please note: National Teacher of the Year requires the selected Teacher to be teaching in the classroom at least 4 hours a day, for two years after being selected.