



PARAGOULD SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE

1. Nominations will be accepted from teachers, parents, and principals. All nominations should be submitted in narrative form.
2. The **Teacher of the Year** nominee should meet the following criteria:
 - a) be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher, Pre-kindergarten through grade twelve, who is planning to continue in an active teaching role;
 - b) inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
 - c) have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues;
 - d) play an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school district;
 - e) be poised and articulate.
3. The deadline for nominations will be May 1.
4. The deadline for selection will be May 15.
5. The final selection will be made by a committee appointed by the superintendent. The committee will consist of three administrators (one elementary, one middle school, and one secondary), three parents, one school board member, and a central office administrator.
6. The committee shall determine the **Teacher of the Year** candidate by a vote of the committee members. (The central office administrator will vote only in the case of a tie.)
7. The **Teacher of the Year** candidate will be responsible for submitting the completed application to the Arkansas Teacher of the Year program.