

# Teacher of the Year Nomination Process

## WHO?

1. Teachers must be nominated in writing by a peer, administrator, parent, or student. Letters of nomination should be submitted to the nominee's principal.

## WHY?

1. It is good for the teacher and aligned with the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan. Recognition boosts morale among teachers and supports the encouragement of teachers to further promote student academic achievement.
2. It is good for the students and parents. Students feel pride and joy when a teacher they know and respect is publicly recognized.
3. It is good for the school and faculty. Colleagues nominated for Teacher of the Year increase respect for a school and its staff.
4. It is good for the school district. Enhanced community prestige and community pride directly contribute to improved expectations, support for schools, and student learning.
5. It is good for the profession. The Teacher of the Year nominees are among the best spokespersons the profession can put forth. Their expertise provides evidence of success in education. Each nominee represents hundreds of educators in sending the message about the work and dedication of America's teachers.
6. It is good for the community. The Teacher of the Year provides society the opportunity to recognize the importance of formal learning and to reconfirm its respect and debt to teachers of the past, present, and future.
7. Recognition is good for DoDEA. Recognition of our outstanding educators promotes talent, excellence, and showcases the exemplary efforts of our teachers.

## WHEN?

Letters of nomination will be accepted May through June 1, 2012, or as determined by your District Superintendent's Office (DSO).

## HOW?

Nominate a great teacher by writing a letter (**no more than one type-written page**) to the principal of the teacher's school. Please include the following:

- Name of the teacher you are nominating, with name and address of school.
- Your relationship to the teacher (peer, parent, student, community leader, etc).
- Reasons why this teacher deserves to be nominated, including evidence of student achievement.
- Your names, address, duty station, and phone number.

## CRITERIA?

A DoDEA Teacher of the Year **must**:

- Be a full-time, U.S. certified teacher in the DoDEA School.
- NOT have been selected as a Teacher of the Year during the previous 3 years.
- Have completed three years of successful teaching in DoDEA.