



**St. Joseph School District
2018-2019**

Suzanne and Walter Meierhoffer, Jr. Memorial Innovator of the Year Award
Procedures and Suggestions for Nominating Candidates

- This award is given annually to recognize and encourage education innovation in St. Joseph public schools.
- The award is named in honor of the memory of **Suzanne and Walter Meierhoffer, Jr.** who gave much to his community during his life.
- The Innovator of the Year will demonstrate a technique, method, procedure, plan, or teaching tool found to improve the delivery of instruction to students in the St. Joseph Public School District.
- The Innovator of the Year is expected to share his/her innovation with other staff members of the District during the coming school year.
- The foundation presents a cash award to the Innovator of the Year from the money given in memory of **Suzanne and Walter Meierhoffer, Jr.**
- The foundation places a plaque on display in the School District's Board Conference Room listing the "**Innovator of the Year**" each year.
- Other teachers, principals, administrators, students, parents, or patrons of the District may nominate individual teachers or groups of teachers.
- The Meierhoffer Selection Committee (a part of the St. Joseph School District Foundation) selects the recipient from the list of nominees.
- This year's winner will be announced in April at the Employee Reception.
- Submit your nominations on the attached nomination form and send to the Meierhoffer Selection committee in care of Lori Zillner, Foundation Executive Director, Enright Center, 514 22nd Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501. Questions concerning this award may be directed to Lori Zillner, 671-4117.

Nominations are due Friday, Feb. 9, 2018. Full applications from nominees are due on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Suzanne and Walter Meierhoffer, Jr. Memorial

Innovator of the Year Award

The Nomination

Name of Nominee _____

Years of Teaching _____

Years of Teaching in St. Joseph _____

Current School _____

Grade or Subject _____

Why I believe the nominee should be named the "Innovator of the Year."

I nominate the following staff member for the Suzanne and Walter Meierhoffer Jr. Memorial Innovator of the Year Award. *The Innovator of the Year will have demonstrated a technique, method, procedure, plan, or teaching tool found to improve the delivery of instruction to students in the St. Joseph Public Schools.* I understand that my nominee will be asked to share the innovation with other staff members in the District if selected for this award.

Signature of Nominator and Title

Date

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Nominee's Form

Name of Nominee _____

Title _____

School _____

Innovation _____

Please give a brief description of the innovation: (To be completed by the person(s) being nominated for Innovator of the Year.) _____

How long have you been using this innovation? _____

Where and how? _____

Why did you develop this innovation? _____

What success/improvement have you noted? (Use additional sheet if needed.)

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Plan for Sharing Innovation

If selected as winner of the Suzanne and Walter Meierhoffer, Jr. Innovator of the Year Award, I believe it should be shared with: _____

How could this innovation be shared? _____

When and where would you suggest the innovation be shared? _____

I would like to share this innovation with other teachers because: (Use additional sheet if needed.) _____

I would be willing to share this innovation with other staff members in the School District of St. Joseph and with others as directed by the District.

Signature of Nominee

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Statement of Supervisor

I believe the nominee would provide exemplary sharing of his/her innovation with other St. Joseph School District staff members according to the plan of delivery outline in the application.

If selected the nominee would be able to conduct the ideas sharing with other staff members according to his/her plan without disrupting his/her normal assignment of duties.

Name of Supervisor _____

Title of Supervisor _____

Signature of Supervisor _____

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