



**St. Joseph School District  
2019-2020**

**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 Tribute banquet.
- Submit your nominations on the attached nomination form and send to the Meierhoffer Selection committee in care of Lori Zillner, Foundation Executive Director, Troester Media Center, 3401 Renick Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64507. Questions concerning this award may be directed to Lori Zillner, 671-4390.

**Nominations are due Friday, Feb. 21, 2020. Full applications from nominees are due on Friday, March 6, 2020.**

**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."

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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.

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Signature of Nominator and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Suzanne and Walter Meierhoffer, Jr. Memorial**

Innovator of the Year Award

**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.) \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you been using this innovation? \_\_\_\_\_

Where and how? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why did you develop this innovation? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Suzanne and Walter Meierhoffer, Jr. Memorial**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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How could this innovation be shared? \_\_\_\_\_

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When and where would you suggest the innovation be shared? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020**