



**St. Joseph School District**  
**2018-2019 Bender's Home Care Teacher of the Year**  
Procedures and Suggestions for Nominating Candidates

The Teacher of the Year program is conducted annually in St. Joseph in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the National Teacher of the Year program. Designed to focus public attention on excellence in teaching, the Teacher of the Year program is the oldest nationwide program honoring classroom teachers. Once again, the St. Joseph School District Foundation has agreed to sponsor the 2018-2019 St. Joseph Teacher of the Year competition.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Any full-time teacher currently employed by the District (Preschool - Grade 12) may be a candidate for the program. School personnel whose duties are primarily administrative (such as principals, librarians, or guidance counselors) are not eligible. Teachers must have three years of teaching experience and **not** currently involved in a Personal Improvement Plan.

**CANDIDATES SHOULD POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Be skilled and dedicated teachers who plan to continue teaching in the future
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues
- Play an active role in the community (serve/lead in civic, religious, or humanitarian activities)
- Be poised, articulate, and meet people easily

**HOW TO NOMINATE:**

Candidates may be nominated by teacher organizations, administrators, students, student organizations, parents, parent groups, school patrons, or colleagues. Permission from the nominee is not required at this time. The Selection Committee will notify each teacher of his/her nomination.

**WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO NOMINATE?**

The nomination deadline is **Friday, February 9, 2018**. Completed forms must be delivered to Ryan Van Dyke, Central High School, no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, February 9, 2018.

**WHERE TO OBTAIN NOMINATION FORMS:**

Nomination forms are available in all buildings in the principal's office, the Board of Education and Human Resources at the Downtown office (10th & Felix), and on the SJSD Foundation website.

**SELECTION DATE:**

The Teacher of the Year Selection Committee will select the St. Joseph Teacher of the Year, and the recipient will be announced during the Tribute to Teachers Recognition Dinner in April 2018. The St. Joseph Teacher of the Year automatically becomes the District's entry in the Missouri State Teacher of the Year competition.

## 2018-2019 St. Joseph Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

Please complete and submit this form to Ryan Van Dyke, Central High School, St. Joseph, MO no later than **February 9, 2018**.

1. Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name, address, and phone number of nominee's school:

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3. Subjects and grades he/she teaches now:

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4. Name, address, and phone number of person or organization making the nomination:

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5. Please write a short paragraph to explain your reasons for making this nomination:

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\*You may also submit a completed copy of this form no later than **February 9, 2018** by email to [ryan.vandyke@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:ryan.vandyke@sjsd.k12.mo.us)