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**Montrose County School District RE-1J
2020 Teacher of the Year Program**

Nomination Packet

History/Background

The Montrose Education Foundation Teacher of the Year Program recognizes licensed classroom teachers for the significant contributions they make to their schools, district and their community. The program is modeled after the Colorado Teacher of the Year Program and selections will be based on that program's scoring matrix. The nominees are individuals who:

- Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, community and colleagues;
- Play an active and useful role in the community as well as in their school; and
- Demonstrate high levels of academic achievement for his/her students.

Each nomination will be reviewed by the Montrose Education Foundation and those nominees who meet the selection criteria will be introduced at the American Education Week Reception, hosted by the Education Foundation on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the Montrose Pavilion from 4:00-6:00 pm.

An Elementary, Middle and High School Level Teacher will be selected. The Teacher(s) of the Year will each receive a \$500 award, presented by Alpine Bank and will be encouraged to apply for the Colorado Teacher of the Year.

Timeline ~ 2020 Teacher of the Year

September 9th	Nomination forms available
November 7th	Nominations close and submitted
November 21st	Nominees recognized at the AEW Reception
December 16th	Nominees emailed an application to become a candidate for Teacher of the Year. To become a candidate, nominees must complete a typed four questionnaire/essay. No additional materials, letters or binders accepted.
February 10th	Completed Candidate's applications due
March 24th	Announcement of 2020 Teacher of the Year Breakfast
Spring 2020	2021 Colorado Teacher of the Year application due

Who is eligible to be considered for Teacher of the Year?

- A classroom teacher who holds a Colorado teaching license and is currently employed by Montrose County School District RE-1J. A non-compliant (expired) teaching license will disqualify you.
- A classroom teacher who has been employed with Montrose County School District for 3 years or more.
- Prior MCSD Teacher of the Year recipients will not be eligible to receive the award; however, all nominees will be recognized at American Education Week Reception.

How will Teacher of the Year be selected?

Following the model established by the Colorado Teacher of the Year Program, the matrix below will be used while making the selection.

1. Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education. 25% of score

<u>0-2</u>	<u>3-6</u>	<u>7-10</u>
Fails to delineate contributions and accomplishments.	Provides some evidence of contributions and accomplishments.	Delineates significant contributions and accomplishments.

2. Describe your commitment to your school, specifically through activities outside of the classroom. 25% of score

<u>0-2</u>	<u>3-6</u>	<u>7-10</u>
Provides little evidence of involvement.	Addresses commitment to activities outside of the classroom.	Provides clear evidence and commitment of involvement outside the classroom.

3. Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. 25% of score

<u>0-2</u>	<u>3-6</u>	<u>7-10</u>
Provides little evidence of passion and beliefs needed to be an outstanding teacher.	Provides some evidence of passion and beliefs needed to be an outstanding teacher.	Provides strong and clear evidence of passion and beliefs needed to be an outstanding teacher.

4. What do you do to strengthen and improve the teaching profession? 25% of score

<u>0-2</u>	<u>3-6</u>	<u>7-10</u>
Fails to provide evidence of strengthening and improving the teaching profession	Provides evidence of strengthening and improving the teaching profession	Provides strong evidence of strengthening and improving the teaching profession

How to nominate an outstanding teacher:

1. Nominations may be made by a student, parent, community member or a colleague.
2. Nominations must be made without regard to race, sex, national origin, disability, religion, political, or philosophical affiliations or activities.
3. Each section of the Nomination Form must be completed by the person making the nomination.

Submit Nominations by November 7th to:

Teacher's School Office, District Office or mail/email to:
Montrose County School District Office
Attn: Deann Balash
930 Colorado Avenue
Montrose, Colorado 81401
Deann.Balash@mcsd.org



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Teacher's Name: _____

School Name: _____ Years at MCS D: _____

Grade: Pre-K-5 6-8 9-12 Subject: _____

A brief description of why your nominee should be chosen Teacher of the Year.
(Attach separate sheet, if necessary.)

Print Name of Nominator _____

Contact Information _____ Date _____

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