



2009 Orange County Mathematics Teacher of the Year Application

The Mathematics Department of Curriculum Services is proud to announce a call for nominees for the 2009 Orange County Mathematics Teacher of the Year. The nominee should be a current teacher of mathematics who models best practices and has demonstrated leadership skills in mathematics education, such as:

- Teaches in-depth mathematics concepts and integrates concepts as appropriate
- Encourages students to work cooperatively
- Integrates up-to-date information, multimedia resources and real world applications
- Encourages students to communicate mathematics concepts accurately in writing and through class presentations of solutions
- Provides mathematics enrichment opportunities for students (e.g., OCPS math contests (3 Levels), Mathcounts, Math Olympiad, Mu Alpha Theta, SECME)
- Manages the classroom in a way that supports a positive learning environment
- Uses a variety of assessments to determine conceptual understanding
- Participates in ongoing professional development opportunities
- Demonstrates leadership skills by sharing best practices with colleagues

Two outstanding teachers (one elementary, one secondary) will be chosen by a review committee and will be honored at a School Board Recognition Ceremony in June 2009. Teachers will represent Orange County in the PRISM Regional Mathematics/Science Teacher Recognition Program. Teachers will be invited, along with winners from the surrounding districts, to a celebration dinner at Sea World in September 2009. The teachers will also be recognized by OCCTM (Orange County Council Teachers of Mathematics) at a special dinner in May.

Nominees must complete the attached application and return all requested information by April 9, 2009 to:

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For more information, you may contact Joan Flewelling at 407-317-3200 ext. 2663 or Terri Varn, 407/317-3200 x2655.

All nominees will be notified by May 14, 2009.

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(Please limit your responses to the space provided.)

1. To what professional organizations do you belong?

2. What mathematics professional development have you attended during the 2008-09 school year? (Include the date, title and a brief description.)

3. How have you shared your knowledge of mathematics best practices with colleagues, including local, state, or national presentations or workshops?

3. How do you encourage student interest in mathematics through extracurricular activities?

4. As an Orange County PRISM Regional Mathematics Teacher, please initial below to indicate your willingness to commit to the following expectations:

- mentoring other teachers
- opening your classroom to share best practices
- writing a letter of acknowledgement to sponsors of the event

_____ Yes, I can commit to the expectations

_____ No, I cannot commit to the expectations