



*Stratford Public Schools  
Teacher of the Year*

## *Teacher of the Year 2017*

Stratford Public Schools, in conjunction with the Stratford Board of Education, the Stratford Education Association, and the Connecticut State Department of Education, is participating in the National Teacher of the Year Program. We will nominate one of our tenured, full time teachers for this distinction. This person will represent our best. Any tenured, full-time classroom teacher, including those in special areas, is eligible for nomination. Teachers nominated in prior years but not selected as Teacher of the Year are eligible for re-nomination.

### ***Regulations:***

In agreement with the Board and the Stratford Education Association, these regulations govern the 2017 Teacher of the Year nominations:

1. Only adults are able to nominate teachers.
2. You can nominate only one **tenured**, full-time teacher each year.
3. A nomination requires two signatures. **One must be that of a certified staff member.**
4. Nominators must have had contact with the tenured, full-time teacher they nominate within the past three years.
5. The Teacher of the Year selection committee will consist of the present Teacher of the Year, two Stratford Education Association members, one Stratford Administrator Association member, one Board of Education member, one parent representative, one central office administrative representative, and the program coordinator.
6. The nominated teacher must be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated professional who exemplifies the pillars of character. This teacher plans to continue in an active teaching status.

*If you wish to nominate a teacher, complete the nomination form on the attached sheet. Every effort will be made to keep the names of the nominators confidential.*

***Nominations must be received at Central Office by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2016. Late arrivals will not be considered.***

Send nominations to: *Dr. Linda Gejda*

*Assistant Superintendent*

*gedjal@stratfordk12.org*

*Stratford Public Schools*

*1000 East Broadway*

*Stratford, CT 06615 Telephone: 203-381-2016 Fax: 203-381-2012*

# Stratford Public Schools

## Teacher of the Year Recognition

1981	<b>Marjorie J. Sherman</b>	Elementary
1983	<b>Donna M. DeRecinos</b>	Secondary
1984	<b>Edward M. Roberts</b>	Secondary
1985	<b>John J. Uss</b>	Secondary
1986	<b>Alice S. Elner</b>	Secondary
1987	<b>Barbara A. Surina</b>	Elementary
1988	<b>Mary Lou Ballingham</b>	Elementary
1989	<b>Albert A. Chapar</b>	Secondary
1990	<b>Eleanor Tufano</b>	Elementary
1991	<b>Joseph Crapanzano</b>	Secondary
1992	<b>Christine Griffin</b>	Elementary
1993	<b>Gerald Mucci</b>	Elementary/Secondary
1994	<b>Barbara M. Hilli</b>	Secondary
1995	<b>Phyllis S. Meth</b>	Elementary
1996	<b>Linda Blaskey</b>	Elementary
1997	<b>Verna J. Wilcoxson</b>	Elementary
1998	<b>Lynn Wilcoxson</b>	Elementary
2000	<b>Kay Sawyer-Madore</b>	Elementary
2001	<b>Carole Fenton</b>	Elementary
2002	<b>Kathleen Barry</b>	Elementary
2003	<b>Barbara Scioscia-Reed</b>	Elementary
2004	<b>Terry Aurelia</b>	Elementary
2005	<b>Victoria Priddle</b>	Secondary
2006	<b>Tracy Andersen</b>	Secondary
2007	<b>Stuart Whiteside</b>	Secondary
2008	<b>Seri Pasmeg</b>	Elementary
2009	<b>Katherine Salmini</b>	Elementary
2010	<b>Gwen Cook</b>	Elementary
2011	<b>Kristen Record</b>	Secondary
2012	<b>Shawn Stillway</b>	Elementary
2013	<b>Angela Swanepoel</b>	Secondary
2014	<b>Kathleen Lozinak</b>	Elementary
2015	<b>Stacey Galasso</b>	Elementary
2016	<b>Dylan Connor</b>	Secondary

*Teacher of the Year-2017 Nomination Form*

**Nomination Must Be Received at Central Office by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2016.**

We nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to be Stratford's 2017 Teacher of the Year.

Nominee's School: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Grade/Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

*Information about the two nominators. PLEASE NOTE: One nominator must be a certified staff member.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: staff member parent other      Circle one: staff member parent other

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the regulations on page one and I support the nomination of this **tenured, full time** teacher. One of the nominators is a certified staff member.

Principal Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Write brief comments to demonstrate the ways in which your nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Takes a leading role in professional development activities.

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2. Has a teaching style that reveals depth and insight into learning.

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3. Shows evidence of effective teaching.

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4. Has effective verbal and written communication skills.

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5. Has the respect of students, colleagues, administrators, parents and civic leaders.

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6. Has served a useful role in his/her community and is active in civic and humanitarian activities.

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*Optional: Attach **one** extra sheet for comments that may enhance your candidate's qualifications.*

***Submission requirements:***

1. Nominations must be received at Central Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2016.
2. Nominations must be submitted in hard copy, preferably word processed, not on the internet, due to signature requirements.
3. **One nominator MUST be a certified staff member.**
4. Send nominations to:

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Stratford Public Schools, 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT 06615  
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# *Stratford Public Schools* *Teacher of the Year 2017*

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

The Teacher of the Year must:

1. Show evidence of effective teaching.
2. Possess a superior ability to inspire learning in students.
3. Have respect and admiration of students, parents, colleagues and administration.
4. Be poised and articulate.
5. Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated professional who exemplifies the pillars of character and plans to continue in an active teaching status.
6. Have played a useful role in his/her community and is active in civic and humanitarian activities.
7. Have a philosophy of teaching that includes the roles and goals of teachers and have suggestions for bringing about positive changes in education.
8. Serve on committees and task forces; attend or conduct workshops or seminars in the field.