

HENNESSEY MEMORIAL DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

PURPOSE

To honor and reward a Bethel High School teacher that has an established record of improving student achievement, inspiring a love of learning in students of varied abilities, and has earned the respect of students, parents and colleagues.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria for selecting the recipient of the award will include the following:

- A demonstrated ability to instill within the students, a desire to learn and to be excited about their education. The recipient will possess instructional expertise, creativity, and innovation in using a variety of techniques effectively to address students' different learning styles and needs.
- Create a classroom environment where the teacher's preparation, level of subject knowledge and passion for the subject matter, motivates the students and prepares them for advanced study.
- Interacts with students, parents, teaching staff and administration in a way that elevates the Bethel High School education experience.

AWARD

The recipient of the "Hennessey Memorial Distinguished Teacher Award" will be presented with a check in the amount of \$2,500.

NOMINATING PROCEDURE

Students, parents, teachers, staff and administration are encouraged to nominate a teacher for the award, keeping in mind the above criteria along with other attributes and accomplishments associated with an outstanding teacher. The nomination form should be completed with detailed responses to the questions and the use of specific examples where possible. Completed forms are to be returned to the principal's office.

SELECTION PROCESS

The recipient will be selected by committee comprised of Mr. Hennessey and individuals that he will appoint. The committee will be aided in the selection process by a member of the student body and a member of the school administration. The final selection will be made by Mr. Hennessey and his committee. If the committee determines none of the nominations make a case that clearly meets the award criteria, no award will be presented for that school year.

TIMING

All nominations must be completed and returned to Dr. Cosentino by **Wednesday, May 2, 2012.**

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2011-2012 School Year**

(Candidate Nomination Form)

Candidate Name: _____

Subjects Taught _____

Years of Teaching Service at B.H.S. _____
(If known)

The individuals making this selection do not know your nominee. Please be as detailed as possible and give specific examples where available, when responding to the following questions.

Why have you chosen to nominate this specific teacher?

How has the nominee demonstrated the ability to inspire students, to instill a desire to learn and to draw the students into the learning process?

Describe the nominee's teaching skills such as class preparation, organization, presentation, ability to relate to students, etc.

What contributions has the nominee made outside of the classroom, to improve the overall learning experience? Describe such things as accessibility to students, support of extra curricular activities, interacting with peers and administration, etc.

What will you remember about this nominee in the years ahead?

Please tell us anything else about the nominee that you feel will aid the selection committee in their decision.

Date Submitted: _____

Person(s) Submitting Nomination _____

Phone Number _____

Student Teacher Staff member Administration Parent / Alumni