

**Pojoaque Valley Schools Educational Foundation**  
**2017 – 2018 Teacher of the Year**

**The Pojoaque Valley School District has many outstanding teachers.** We are asking for your assistance in identifying the teachers whose skills, dedication, understanding and caring for children have made a positive impact on the lives of our students, and whose service has been truly outstanding in its contribution to the overall positive educational climate of the district.

**The Pojoaque Valley Schools Educational Foundation Teacher of the Year** program is designed to recognize outstanding achievement by a member of our Teaching family. The purpose of the nomination process is to provide a systematic method to identify these individuals and ensure that they receive appropriate recognition for their efforts on behalf of the students in the Pojoaque Valley School District. The PVSD Teacher of the Year will receive a \$1,000.00 award from the Foundation in recognition of this accomplishment.

Once selected, the name of the PVSD Teacher of the Year will be forwarded to NMPED as the District's nominee for the New Mexico Teacher of the Year. It should be noted that the candidate will have a much more extensive application process to complete for NMPED.

**How Do I Nominate Someone?**

Nomination forms will be available at all PVSD schools and on the school district website at <http://pvs.k12.nm.us>. Please complete all sections and follow all directions.

Nomination forms must be completed and returned to Dr. Mel Morgan, **no later than 5 pm Wednesday, April 18, 2018. No late submissions will be accepted.**

**Who Can Be Nominated?**

Nominees must be full time teachers of PVSD (who sign a teacher contract and are fully licensed.) The nominee shall have completed his or her third year of teaching with PVSD.

**Who Can Nominate?**

Any member of the school community, community members, and parents/guardians of a district student can nominate a candidate for consideration. PVSD desires to have the widest possible participation in this program and ensure that every Teacher who performs outstanding service has the opportunity to be nominated.

**Nomination Supporting Information**

Once nomination forms are received, each nominee will be notified and provided with a packet. **The due date for the packet will be no later than 5 pm Friday, May 9, 2018.**

**Selection Committee and Criteria**

A selection committee, composed of Pojoaque Valley Schools Educational Foundation members composed of staff members, community members, and a PVSD School Board member, will be convened. Once the selection committee reviews all applications, interviews will be scheduled.

Great teaching extends far beyond classroom performance. In fact, the essence of teaching is not just performance, but the effective creation of situations in which learning takes place. The list of criteria that follow represent some of the main concepts that define outstanding teachers. This is not an exhaustive list, and other qualities of excellence can and do exist. It is in no way implied that the award winner must excel in all of these categories.

- The teacher promotes active learning and successfully encourages students to think imaginatively, critically, and independently.
- The teacher promotes a love of teaching and learning.
- The teacher helps students appreciate the relationship between the content they are learning and its place in the scheme of things in everyday life.
- The teacher's pedagogical techniques are appropriate to and effective with a variety of different learning styles and situations.
- The teacher interacts enthusiastically and effectively with students and provides opportunity to promote learning and address individual student needs both in the classroom and outside the classroom.

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### TEACHER NOMINATION FORM

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Teacher you are nominating _____	School _____	
Grade/Subject _____	Years Taught _____	Years taught in PVSD _____

Print Your Name _____	School _____
Position (Teacher, Staff, Parent, Student, or Community Member.) _____	
Telephone # _____	E-mail _____

**The candidate MUST HAVE COMPLETED their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching in the  
Pojoaque Valley School District.**

**Please attach** a one page, single spaced, 12 point font, typewritten letter, describe why you believe this teacher should be considered for the PVSD Teacher of the Year. A candidate should demonstrate the following criteria: respect of peers/teamwork; creativity; be proactive; involvement in campus or district activities/programs; professionalism/pride in school and profession; positive impact on students.