

# *Nomination Packet*

*2010 Polk County  
Teacher of the Year*



# 2010 Polk County Teacher *of* the Year

You have been recognized by your school for excellence, dedication and ability. Your accomplishments are tremendous and it is an honor to be nominated for Teacher of the Year. The students of Polk County are benefiting from your talent, experience and encouragement.

*\*Contents of this completed application may be used for promotional or publicity purposes.*

## Timeline for Selection of 2010 Polk County Teacher of the Year

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<b>September 9, 2009</b>	Nomination packets posted on district web site and in the Community Relations public folder.
<b>September 30, 2009</b>	Nomination packets must be submitted by this date.
<b>February 25, 2010</b>	2010 Teacher of the Year/School-Related Employee of the Year Banquet

# 2010 Polk County Teacher *of* the Year

## Nomination Procedures

The following requirements must be met in nominating a candidate for the 2010 Teacher of the Year:

1. All information must be typed. All information must be included on this application form. Be sure to **only** use the amount of space allotted in the application for each answer. You may not add extra pages, attachments, artwork, special covers, etc.
2. Please submit **ONE** copy of the nomination form and **SEVEN** stapled sets of pages 7-10. **Please avoid references to your name and school on pages 7-10.**
3. **Send a color photograph in a jpeg format** as an attachment to [teresa.obrien@polk-fl.net](mailto:teresa.obrien@polk-fl.net) with "Teacher of the Year" and your school name in the subject line.  
**We are not able to accept any photo other than a head-and-shoulders type photo** -such as a school or yearbook photo.  
If you need assistance, please contact your Network Manager at your school site.

Send the nomination packet to: Polk County Public Schools  
Community Relations Department  
P.O. Box 391  
Bartow, FL 33831

Packets must be submitted on or before **Wednesday, September 30, 2009**, to be considered by the selection committee. **Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.**

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A selection committee reviews the nomination packets to assist the Community Relations Department in identifying the 2010 Teacher of the Year.

In addition to the district's annual awards banquet, each school should make an effort to recognize its Teacher of the Year candidate throughout the year. This makes the awards more meaningful, and it promotes the image of the school's professional staff. Some ideas include:

- Special parking place for nominees
- Names on school sign
- A special reception at school or during PTA meeting
- Information about the nominees in the school newsletter or on the school news show
- A letter to families with students in the teacher's classes
- Nominee as guest speaker at graduation, special events, etc.

Each school's nominee is honored at a district-wide banquet held in February. Business sponsors provide several prizes for the overall district winners.

**Questions regarding eligibility or the nomination process should be directed to Leah Lauderdale APR, CPRC, Community Relations Senior Director, or Teresa O'Brien, Communications Specialist, at 534-0698.**

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## Eligibility

Nominations should be made without regard to race, age, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

Nominee must be an active full-time employee of the Polk County School Board. Schools may determine their own selection process.

## Selection Criteria

**Each district nominee will be evaluated based upon the following criteria consistent with the district's strategic plan:**

- Superior ability to foster excellence and contribute to the continuous improvement of student learning and the school environment.
- Expertise in subject taught and ability to effectively use materials relating to the subject.
- Utilizes original and/or innovative instructional materials and methods.
- A record of superior teaching performance as evidenced by student performance, teaching awards, honors and/or recognition.
- Participates in continued professional development.
- Leadership in educational activities at the school, district and/or state and national level.
- A strong commitment to creating a climate of caring and respect conducive to effective teaching and learning.

# Nomination Form

(Please Note: All information must be typed.)

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## 2010 Polk County Teacher of the Year Nominee

(Please type your first and last name EXACTLY as you want it to appear in news releases, publications and on your plaque.)

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## Phonetic spelling or pronunciation

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## School

(If you work in a special program, give the program AND the site/location)

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**Ring Size**

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**SAP #**

I hereby give my permission that any or all attached material may be shared with people interested in promoting Polk County Public Schools, and I attest that all this information is accurate.

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**Nominee's signature**

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**Principal's signature**

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**September 30, 2009**

Return by mail to:

Polk County Public Schools  
Community Relations Department  
Route E  
P.O. Box 391  
Bartow, FL 33831

# Application Form

(Please Note: All information must be typed.)

Subject(s)/Grade(s) you teach this year (2009-2010) and other subjects/grades you have taught in the past:

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Total years teaching: \_\_\_\_\_ Years teaching in Polk County: \_\_\_\_\_

List each degree awarded (i.e. B.A., M.S.), including:

<u>Major</u>	<u>Type degree</u>	<u>Year graduated</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>City/State</u>
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**1. Professional Development Activities:** List any educational preparation, school-level professional organizations, professional association memberships, offices held, training undertaken (except for regular inservice) and other relevant activities. Include any teacher training you have conducted. List awards and professional development.

**2. Community Involvement:** List service-oriented activities, including volunteer work, civic and other group activities.

## Application Form Continued

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(Please Note: All information must be typed.)

**3. Biography:** What factors influenced you to become a teacher?

**4. Teaching Style:** Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes an outstanding teacher. What are some of your most creative lessons? How have you shared those ideas with other teachers?

## Application Form Continued

**(Please Note: All information must be typed.)**

5. What would you say given your experience would be the most important message to a first year teacher?

6. Share with us your “greatest moment” in teaching.

7. Please complete this sentence.  
I feel I have accomplished my education mission when.....

