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This is your invitation to nominate a principal for consideration as the 2024-2025 Aiken County Public School District Principal of the Year. One outstanding Aiken County Public School District principal will be selected for this honor.

District recipient will compete for state honors through the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) and national honors through the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) or National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP).

Participation in the Principal of the Year Program by any principal in Aiken County is optional. It will be the responsibility of district faculty and staff to nominate principals based on eligibility requirements and selection procedures.

High School Principal of the Year

Applicants must have served as a principal at one or more Aiken County Public Schools high schools for three complete years or longer. Each candidate must be a principal and member of NASSP and SCASA at the time of selection as state principal of the year and plan to return to the same position for 2024-2025.

Middle School Principal of the Year

Applicants must have served as a principal at one or more Aiken County Public Schools middle schools for three complete years or longer. Each candidate must be a principal and member of NASSP and SCASA at the time of selection as state principal of the year and plan to return to the same position for 2024-2025.

Elementary School Principal of the Year

Applicants must have served as an elementary principal for five years or longer, with at least three years at an Aiken County Public Schools elementary school, be a member of NAESP and SCASA at the time of selection as State Elementary Principal of the Year, and plan to return to the same position for 2024-2025.



1. All Aiken County Public Schools Faculty & Staff will receive information about the Principal of the Year Nomination process starting September 18, 2023.

All Aiken County Public Schools Faculty & Staff may nominate a principal by completing the [nomination form](#). The nomination link will be open from

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Secondary Principal of the Year

Applicants must have served as a principal at one or more Aiken County Public Schools middle or high schools for three complete years or longer. Each candidate must be a principal and member of NASSP and SCASA at the time of selection as state principal of the year and plan to return to the same position for 2024-2025.

Middle Level Principal of the Year

Applicants must have served as a principal at one or more Aiken County Public Schools middle or high schools for three complete years or longer. Each candidate must be a principal and member of NASSP and SCASA at the time of selection as state principal of the year and plan to return to the same position for 2024-2025.

Elementary Principal of the Year

Applicants must have served as an elementary principal for five years or longer, with at least three years at an Aiken County Public Schools elementary school, be a member of NAESP and SCASA at the time of selection as State Elementary Principal of the Year, and plan to return to the same position for 2024-2025.

1. Why do you consider the nominee a candidate for District Principal of the Year?
2. How has the nominee influenced the behaviors of others who are aspiring to lead in their school?
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4. How has the nominee involved staff, students, and the community in developing programs that give equal access, close the achievement gap among student subgroups, and ensure that each student is college and career ready?
5. How has the nominee influenced the behaviors of others who are aspiring to lead in their school?

Person Making Nomination _____

Signature line 1: _____

Signature line 2: _____



2023-2024 Selection Process Timeline

September 18, 2023 Faculty & Staff receive information regarding the POY nomination process.

September 18-19, 2023 Nomination link will be made available via district website and all staff email.

October 30, 2023 Nomination link closes at 4:00pm

November 6, 2023 School Information Sheet & Application sent to all nominees via Records

November 6-29, 2023 Photo Session I (Date TBD)

November 6-29, 2023 Photo Session II (Date TBD)

November 29, 2023 School Information Sheet & Application due to HR by 4:00pm

December 15, 2023