



# Illinois State Board of Education



# ILLINOIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD?

- Outstanding teachers at all levels and subject-areas in an Illinois public or nonpublic school with 5 or more years of experience.
- Illinois Teacher of the Year nominees who teach the following are eligible for both Illinois Teacher of the Year and the following awards:
  - Bilingual Teacher of the Year
  - Early Childhood Teacher of the Year
  - Special Education Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding Early Career Educator award: Teachers with 1-4 years of experience

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Nomination period:**  
March 9 – June 5, 2020

**Awards Banquet:**  
October 17, 2020  
Bloomington-Normal

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- An outstanding teacher is nominated by someone with firsthand knowledge of the qualities possessed by the nominee that makes them worthy of statewide recognition. Nominations and letters of recommendation are submitted electronically at [isbe.net/TeacheroftheYear](http://isbe.net/TeacheroftheYear).
- Nominations for Illinois Teacher of the Year are disaggregated by regional representation.
- The top scorers will be selected as regional winners and represent their region as Regional Teacher of the Year for the upcoming calendar year.
- Each region will have one region winner, with Cook County having up to 3 co-winners.
- The Illinois Teacher of the Year will be selected from the Regional winners. Remaining nominations are awarded on the following levels:
  - Award of Meritorious Service
  - Award of Recognition



Details can be found at [isbe.net/TeacheroftheYear](http://isbe.net/TeacheroftheYear)