



# Elevating Educators in 2022

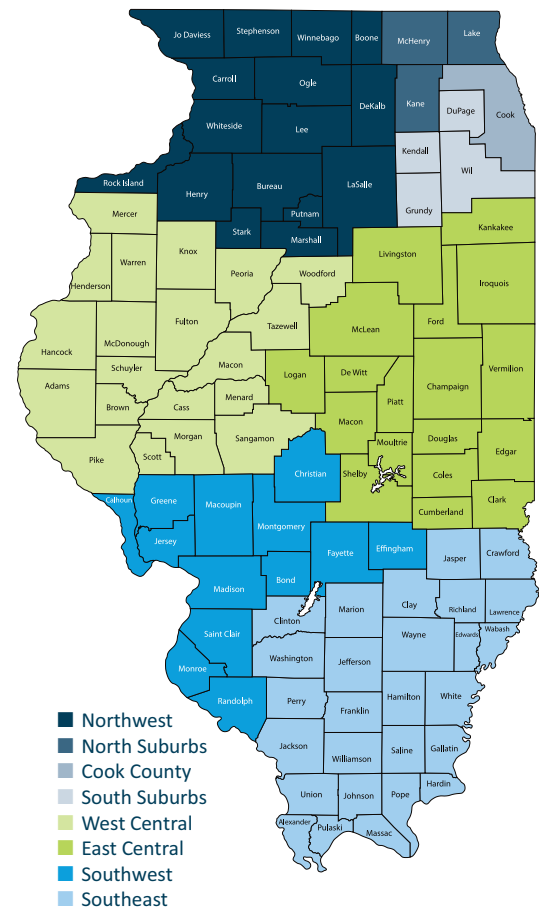
Join the Illinois State Board of Education in recognizing the incredible work happening in and around Illinois schools, as the result of exemplary educators who far too often go unrecognized outside of their own schools or districts.

## 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, as well as 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

## 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\* are submitted electronically at [isbe.net/TeacheroftheYear](https://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. The remaining nominees will receive an award of meritorious service. The top scoring nominee for Early Career Educator will be named Outstanding Early Career Educator. Remaining nominations are awarded on the following levels:
  - Award of Excellence
  - Award of Meritorious Service
- The top scoring nominee for Early Career Educator will be named Outstanding Early Career Educator.



Nominate the **2022 Illinois Teacher of the Year** today!

Nomination deadline is **Friday, April 23, 2021**

Application deadline is **Friday, May 21, 2021**

\*Nominees will be required to meet additional requirements.

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