

# TEACHER EXCELLENCE CENTER NOMINATION FORM

2007-2008

Recognize an outstanding teacher in southwestern Pennsylvania

Nomination Period: November 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

Nominate your favorite teacher for a Teacher Excellence Award. Tell us what makes your teacher a **Teacher of Excellence**. The top one hundred educators in southwestern Pennsylvania will be recognized at our annual *Celebration of Teaching* event on April 24, 2008. Seven of the top winners in four categories will be named Teachers of Excellence and their schools will receive \$2,500 each. One Teacher of Excellence in grades K-12 will be awarded the "Rising Star Award."

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Teachers must work full-time in a participating school district and be a classroom teacher, librarian or guidance counselor.

## CRITERIA:

Criteria are based on the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards policy statement, **What Teachers Should Know and be Able to Do**.

## HOW TEACHERS ARE SELECTED:

- Nomination form(s) are accepted by the Teacher Excellence Center from **November 1 to December 31, 2007**.
- All nominated teachers will receive a **program application**. **If the teacher wishes to participate, he/she must submit the completed program application to the Teacher Excellence Center NO LATER than January 22, 2008**. Applications may be submitted on-line at [www.teacherpa.com](http://www.teacherpa.com). Selection Committees comprised of professional educators choose recipients based on nomination reviews, program applications, essays and personal interviews.

For more information or to nominate online go to [www.teacherpa.com](http://www.teacherpa.com)

(Please submit only ONE teacher per nomination form) - (Please do not use pencil)

Teacher's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Subject Area \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am a: Student - Parent - Teacher - Other (Circle One) **I wish to remain anonymous.**

1. Please comment on the following to describe how the teacher: (answer as many as possible)

- Understands how students develop and learn \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Makes knowledge accessible to all students \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(OVER)

- **Knows the subjects taught** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Possesses skills and experience in teaching** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Uses interesting methods or projects** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Engages students** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Acts as a role model** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Understands learning theories & instructional strategies** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Works with others to improve student learning** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Works with parents and the community** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Additional Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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(You may add one additional sheet to your nomination form.)

**MAIL NOMINATION FORM TO:**  
**Teacher Excellence Center**  
**4701 Baptist Road, Suite 210A**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15227**  
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