



2009 National Distinguished Principal Program

NAESP is proceeding with plans for the annual National Distinguished Principals Program, held in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education and NAESP in corporate partnership with VALIC. As you know, a major goal of the program is to attain national recognition for the vital leadership role of the elementary and middle school principals in the education of children and youth. The program is designed to recognize the outstanding leadership of active on-line principals.

Now is the time to start the selection process for Delaware's nominee for the 2009 program. As last year, each state association or affiliate will choose one elementary or middle school principal to represent the most able and effective K – 8 principals in that state.

How to Nominate

Any principal in the State of Delaware who is a member of Delaware Elementary School Principals Association is invited to nominate a colleague for the 2009 National Distinguished Principal Award. Practicing elementary or middle school principals are eligible for nomination if they meet the criteria specified in this memo and if they exemplify quality leadership in education.

If you wish to nominate a distinguished principal for this award, use the nomination form included in this memo. Forward the completed nomination form no later than **March 6, 2009** to:

Richelle Talbert
707 Clifton Drive -or- electronically to talbertr@christina.k12.de.us
Bear DE 19701

Selection Procedure

The NDP Committee of DESPA will review the application submitted to determine that the basic criteria has been met. The NDP Committee for DESPA will select the 2009 National Distinguished Principal for Delaware. The name of the individual selected will be announced in May 2009.

Awards

The principal selected will represent Delaware at the National Distinguished Principal's recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C. in October 2009.

Special Requirements

The nominee must be a member of DESPA and NAESP. Nominees must have been a practicing principal for the past five years. If any of those requirements are not met the nominee will be disqualified.

Applications

The National Distinguished Principal Committee of DESPA will send an application form to each principal who is nominated. The application based on criteria as outlined in this memo is to be completed and returned no later than April 27, 2009 to Richelle Talbert.

Application Format

All applications should be submitted in the form provided. The material presented should address the topics specified in the application. Each criterion should be addressed.

Criteria

The criteria for selecting or nominating individuals for the Distinguished Principal award are:

1. The individual should be an active principal of a school in which a commitment of excellence is clearly evident through programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students and through firmly established community ties with parents and local business organizations.
2. The individual has been an active principal for at least five years.
3. The individual will be an active principal the year in which he/she will receive the award.
4. The individual should show a strong commitment to the principalship through active membership in his/her national and state professional organizations.
5. There should be evidence that the individual is respected by his/her students, colleagues, parents and the community at large.
6. The individual should be active and fulfill roles in his/her community, distinguishing him/herself as a leader in civic, religious or humanitarian activities.
7. The individual should show strong education leadership and operate an orderly and purposeful school, having set high expectations for school staff and students.
8. No state or NAESP president, president elect, immediate past president, zone director of NAESP state representative who is currently in office is eligible for the NDP award.



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NOMINATION FORM FOR NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL AWARD

Name of Principal

Name of School / District

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Nominated by:

RETURN BY MARCH 6, 2009 TO:

**Richelle Talbert
707 Clifton Drive
Bear DE 19701**

Street Address

-OR-

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

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