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Action Required  
Nominations Due: January 9, 2023  
Applications Due: February 6, 2023  
 Informational

## BULLETIN NO. 076-22 EDUCATOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
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Elementary and Secondary School Principals  
Educational Service District Teacher Award Coordinators  
Educational Service District Math and Science Coordinators  
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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Nominations Open for Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

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### **PURPOSE/BACKGROUND**

Nominations are open for the 2023 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Established in 1983, the PAEMST is the highest national honor for a K-12 mathematics or science teacher.

National awardees receive:

- A citation from the President of the United States recognizing their contributions.
- A trip to Washington, D.C. to attend recognition activities.
- A \$10,000 cash award from the National Science Foundation.

State finalists receive:

- A framed certificate.
- A scholarship to attend their regional or state conference.

## Eligibility, Nomination, and Application

Each year the award alternates between elementary and secondary teachers. Nominations for the 2023 PAEMST are open to 7–12 mathematics and science teachers who:

- Teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science as part of their contracted teaching responsibilities at the 7–12 grade level in a public (including charter) or private school in Washington state.
- Hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- Be full-time employees of the school or school district and provide direct instruction to students for at least 50 percent of the school's allotted instructional time.
- Have at least five years of full-time K–12 teaching experience in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science prior to the 2022–23 school year.
- Are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Have not received the PAEMST award at the national level in any prior competition or category.

To be considered for the PAEMST, teachers must be nominated and complete a comprehensive application. Nominations for 2023 are open through January 9, 2023. Applications are due on February 6, 2023.

For more information about the program, including a link to the online nomination form, please see the [Educator Awards Website](#).

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Hilary Seidel, Statewide Recognition Coordinator, at 360-725-6117 or email [hilary.seidel@k12.wa.us](mailto:hilary.seidel@k12.wa.us). The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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