



WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schools in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Windham School District is pleased to announce its 2014-15 Teacher of the Year Initiative. This is a two-year process honoring the winner of the “WSD Lane Murray Excellence in Teaching Award.”

The initiative will continue to encourage excellence among district instructional employees. It will recognize teachers who have been nominated by their peers for outstanding and meritorious service and contributions to the instructional programs and the success of our students. Teachers who have made exceptional contributions to personal/professional integrity and whose campus performance has demonstrated respect for co-workers and students will be honored through this process.

Unit campuses will peer-nominate their outstanding teacher. Those campus nominees will be offered the opportunity to advance to the regional level by submitting specific documents (described in the “**Lane Murray Excellence in Teaching Award Selection Process 2014-15**”) to their Regional Administrator. A committee of educators appointed by the Regional Administrators will select four regional finalists (per region) based on the written submissions. The regional committees will then make an on-site observation of each of their four regional finalists as they teach a lesson to offenders, and results of these visits will be used to select a single regional finalist.

In the final stage of this process, each region will be represented by one regional finalist, who will receive an on-site observation and interview visit from the WSD Lane Murray Excellence in Teaching Award Committee. These visits will culminate in the selection of WSD’s Lane Murray Excellence in Teaching outstanding educator.

Candidate eligibility requirements and the Tiers to be used for selecting the Lane Murray Excellence in Teaching Award recipient are attached to this announcement. **Please note:** The first deadline for submission of candidates to the Regional Offices is October 6, 2014. The WSD Lane Murray Excellence in Teaching Award Committee is excited about and committed to this initiative and has established a process exemplified by objective rigor and high standards. The successful candidates shall be examples of superior accomplishments, excellence, creativity, and student success.

Information about this initiative will be posted on the WSD Intranet site (<http://tyler.wsd.edu>) and WSD website www.wsdtx.org. If you have further questions, please contact Committee Chair Bambi Kiser by telephone at 936.291.5307 or email at Bambi.Kiser@wsdtx.org. You may also contact Administrative Assistant Charlene Moriarty by phone at 936.291.5304 or email at charlene.moriarty@wsdtx.org or by Telex at [cmo1784](tel:9362915304).