



Pittsburg Unified School District

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The **2023-2024 School Counselor of the Year Program** is now open and seeks nominations of school counselors that have contributed to the profession. Recognitions highlight the achievements, leadership, and accomplishments of our dedicated and hard-working counselors. The School Counselor of the Year Program actively encourages nominations for those who exemplify services to children, stakeholders, and the profession of school counseling.

Qualifications driven by the California Association of School Counselors (CASC) include:

- A Master's Degree in School Counseling and a Pupil Personnel Services Credential
- A full-time practicing school counselor for a minimum of three years.
- An integral and valued member of the schools' team
- Demonstrate school counseling leadership and advocacy in his/her/their school, district, and state
- Demonstrate evidence of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program.
- Demonstrate continued professional growth and personal development.
- Demonstrate outstanding effort in the area of student advocacy in academic, career, social emotional growth through direct and indirect services.
- Demonstrate exceptional effort in implementing a comprehensive, standards-based, developmental school counseling program within the nominee's school.

Selection Process: A nomination is submitted on behalf of the school counselor. Nominees/candidates are then asked to respond to a brief questionnaire that speaks to the following:

- Evidence of a comprehensive data-driven school counseling program
- Responsibility for counseling, their ability to meet students' needs, to include career, social emotional, and academic development.
- Continued leadership and collaboration in his/her/their work and promoting equity and access to opportunities and rigorous educational experiences for all students
- Ongoing collaboration with stakeholders
- Continual professional development and advocacy for the profession and/or students
- Ability and skills to represent the school counseling profession in a professional manner
- High standards of person and professional conduct in their community as well as the school counseling community and their broader professional community.

One school counselor will be chosen to represent the District and will be honored by the Board of Education. Thank you for your interest in the 2023-2024 School Counselor of the Year Program!

(Nomination Form attached)



Counselor of the Year Nomination

I Nominate: _____

(School Counselor's Name - Please Print)

School: _____

Please describe the qualities, skills, and accomplishments that support your nomination of your School Counselor:



(Use additional blank paper, if necessary)

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

(Please print)

Signature: _____

Principal Signature: _____

Affiliation to school counselor – Please select one:

Certificated Employee

Classified Employee

Parent

School Volunteer

Please return forms to:

Pittsburg Unified School District

2000 Railroad Avenue, Suite E / Human Resources

Attn: Denise Briscoe / dbriscoe@pittsburgusd.net / 925-473-2336

**All nominations must be received in the Human Resources Office
no later than February 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**