

Distinguished Teacher of Reading Guidelines

- Each local council may nominate candidates and send one name forward to the state association.
- The nominee should be active in reading beyond the classroom
- The award is not limited to reading teachers. Content area teachers, administrators and teaching teams are also eligible.
- The nomination sent forward to the state should include a biography that focuses on literacy events in the nominee's life and specifics on how the nominee has enhanced literacy in the classroom, school, and community.
- Nominations must consist of a detailed statement making the case for the award. Where possible, evidence of excellence in teaching over a number of years should be included, as well as some detail about the nominee's approach to teaching, especially in the area of literacy.
- Local councils are encouraged to award their nominee at the local level.
- There will be only one teacher or one teaching team in the state awarded the honor of "Distinguished Teacher of Reading."
- Deadline for nominating a teacher is December 31st.
- The Distinguished Teacher of Reading will be honored during a luncheon at the state conference (Saturday) or workshop (depending on the workshop dates.) **The local nominating council will pay for the luncheon.**
- The honoree is responsible for all expenses related to transportation, accommodations, meals, and registrations. We encourage the honoree's local council to help with some of these expenses.