



The Orange County Teachers of the Year (TOTY) program provides recognition for outstanding teachers in Orange County. Irvine nominates 3 candidates: Elementary, Middle, and High School. Candidates are honored at a fall recognition ceremony at the Disneyland Hotel.

IUSD Teachers of the Year are our Nominees for OC Teachers of the Year

IUSD Site Administrators will announce and post the nomination forms for Teachers of the Year and notify all site members that the nominations are due in the ITA office by **Monday, December 10**. ITA members are encouraged to nominate the teachers who were chosen by their sites for the IUSD Excellence in Teaching Awards if they meet the eligibility criteria for the OC Teachers of the Year.

The ITA/IUSD/Exchange Club of Irvine Teacher of the Year committee will interview the nominated candidates and choose 3 representatives—elementary, middle school, and high school—for the OCDE Teachers of the Year Award. The OC application requires district winners to answer essay questions, submit letters of recommendation, etc. These nominees will be honored at the ITA/IUSD/Irvine Exchange Club Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at UCI's Barclay Theater.

California Teachers of the Year

The four Orange County winners compete in the California Teachers of the Year program. A state selection committee reviews candidates' applications and conducts site visits. A select group of those teachers are interviewed at the California Department of Education in Sacramento. The State Superintendent then selects six semi-finalists, six finalists, and five statewide winners who are named as California Teachers of the Year. The awards banquet for nominees and award recipients will take place in fall 2019 at the Disneyland Hotel.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility for the Orange County Teachers of the Year Program is limited to candidates who are finalists in their district competitions and meet all of the following requirements:

1. Fully credentialed teacher for a minimum of **eight years**
2. Currently assigned to teach students at least .5 FTE
3. Member of Irvine Teachers Association
4. Assigned to teach students for the next school year
5. Not previously nominated as an Orange County Teacher of the Year

For more information: <http://www.ocde.us/TOTY/Pages/default.aspx>

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ORANGE COUNTY
**TEACHERS
OF THE YEAR**

Nominee's name (as it should be written in the program)

Site/Program

Nominee's signature: _____
(Required)

Nominee's site extension: _____ e-mail: _____

Please write a brief description (*200 words or fewer*) describing why and how this nominee meets the criteria for OCDE Teacher of the Year. (Ensure that classroom teaching is highlighted.) The statement must be **typed** and attached to this nomination form.

Nominated by: _____
Name and Signature

Site extension: _____ e-mail: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

**Form and nomination statement are due in the ITA office
by 4:00, Monday, December 10, 2018**

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