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2013-2014 STAR TEACHER AWARD GUIDELINES

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Purpose:

The Thornton Township High School District 205 Academic Enrichment Foundation will be sponsoring its Annual Star Award for outstanding performance in the field of education in District 205 at its annual Reaching for the Stars Gala. The Foundation will honor one teacher from each of District 205's three schools. Star Award nominees are to be nominated by fellow teachers in each of the three buildings and will be submitted to a review committee designated by the building principal. The focus of this award is to showcase district educators and give professional validation for exceptional talent in the field. Finalists will be invited to attend the Foundation Gala in March where the winners will be announced.

Procedure:

Each building principal will have discretion to develop a nomination process that accommodates local staff. The Foundation suggest that principals appoint a committee composed of staff and community members to review nominations and submit a list of no more than three names for final consideration by the building principal. The Foundation is requesting that the entire Star Award competition be completed, and recipient names submitted by **April 11, 2014**. The three finalists (one from each school) will be invited to attend the gala and final award winners will be announced.

Selection Criteria (Direction to Selection Committee):

All Thornton Township High School District 205 certified staff with at least four years of service are eligible to be nominated for consideration. However, when judging nominations, substantial consideration should be given to nominees with longevity in the district or in the teaching profession. Seventy-five percent of consideration should be given to this criterion. The additional twenty-five percent of consideration should be given to factors that support how the nominee positively impacts the lives of District 205 students. This could be in the classroom, community, or as a sponsor of extra or co-curricular activities. Overall, the Star Award is meant to honor someone who has made a profound contribution as a professional, and as a result changed or significantly impacted the teaching environment at the local building.