Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) – Nevada's Awardees

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What are the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching?

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching.

Kristen Taylor

Advanced Technologies Academy

Las Vegas, Nevada

2017-2018 Award for 7-12 Mathematics

Heather Witt

K.O Knudson Middle School

Las Vegas, Nevada

2017-2018 Award for 7-12 Science

Christine Donahue

Ted Hunsberger Elementary School
Reno, Nevada
2018-2019 Award for K-6 Mathematics

Suzette Champange

Jessie Beck Elementary School

Reno, Nevada

2018-2019 Award for K-6 Science

About PAEMST

- Awards are given to science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teachers from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, or the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands).

- The award recognizes those teachers who have both deep content knowledge of the subjects they teach and the ability to motivate and enable students to be successful in those areas. Since the program's inception, more than 4,800 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.

- Awardees reflect the expertise and dedication of the Nation's teaching corps, and they demonstrate the positive impact of excellent teachers on student achievement. The National Science Foundation administers PAEMST on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

PAEMST Eligibility

Applicants must:

- teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science as part of their contracted teaching responsibilities at the K-6 grade level in a public (including charter) or private school;

- hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;

- be full-time employees of the school or school district as determined by state and district policies, with responsibilities for teaching students no less than 50% of the school's allotted instructional time;

- have at least five years of full-time employment as a K-12 teacher **prior to the 2019-2020 academic school year** during which science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science has been a part of the applicant's teaching duties *each of the five years*;

- teach in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, or the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands);

- be U.S. citizens or permanent residents; and

- not have received the PAEMST award at the national level in any prior competition or category

Nominate a Teacher

- This year's awards will honor science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teachers working in grades K-6. Nominations close on **March 1, 2020**.
- Anyone—principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public—may nominate exceptional individuals who teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science in grades K-6 for this award year. To submit a nomination, the following information is required:
  - Teacher's name
  - Email address
  - School contact information

- Self-nominations are accepted