



Ohio Middle Level Association

2026 COMPONENT AWARD

Teaming

Component Award Description

Schools that embrace middle school philosophy utilize and promote teaming.

Application Criteria

- Schools that apply must be current OMLA Institutional Members.
- A school may apply for a component award in more than one area.
- A school that has received a component award cannot be nominated for a component award in the same area for the following two years.
- Applications must be received by the posted deadline.
- Applicant provides documentation that demonstrates exemplary practices in the specific Component Award area.
- Teaming must be building-wide, not just one team in the building, for a Teaming Component Award nomination.

Awarding the Honor

- A committee of the Ohio Middle Level Association Executive Board members will review all applications.
- Applicants that meet the criteria on paper are notified and a site-visitation team of OMLA members and/or consultants is scheduled to verify the middle level component practice.
- Recipients will be recognized at the state conference awards reception with a plaque honoring their accomplishment.

****All criteria below must be addressed in the written application to be considered.***

Criteria/Rating Scale

4 - Accomplished **3** - Proficient **2** - Developing **1** - Limited/No evidence

Award Criteria

- Criterion 1** There is a display of team pride, student ownership, clearly defined student expectations, and a sense of community.
- Criterion 2** Team members have autonomy with their assigned students including flexible scheduling for large and small group activities and/or grouping and regrouping students based on student needs.
- Criterion 3** Teams devise lessons, techniques, and assessments that are appropriate to the needs of young adolescents.
- Criterion 4** Consistent, ongoing communication/collaboration between parents and teams is evident.
- Criterion 5** Professional development opportunities enhance teaming.

Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than March 6, 2026

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About the School

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Name of School District: _____

Name of Principal: _____

Student Enrollment: _____ Grades: _____

Brief narrative of the school demographics: _____

About the Person(s) Completing the Application

Person(s) Completing Application: _____

Date of Submission: _____

Please provide one point of contact for communications:

Contact's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please address each criterion with a separate written response citing examples and/or evidence. *Please attach a separate sheet for each Criterion Heading.*

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