



Ohio Middle Level Association

2026 OUTSTANDING MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPONENT AWARDS

Application

The purpose of the Ohio Middle Level Association Component Award Recognition Program is to identify and recognize schools that have implemented middle school concept components in an exemplary manner. It is the intention of OMLA that the recognized programs will serve as models for aspiring educators and provide model resources for schools striving to develop, refine or polish components of their middle schools. Recognized schools are open for visitations and encouraged to give presentations at the annual spring OMLA State Conference.

Outstanding Middle School Component Awards are given in the following areas:

Advisor/ Advisee	Service Learning
Interdisciplinary Curriculum	Staff Development
Parent & Community Involvement	Student/Staff Recognition
Scheduling	Teaming

Application forms are available on the OMLA website at www.ohiomla.org.

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 separate, specific application must be completed for each area if a school applies for a Component Award in more than one area.
- Component Award application forms are available on the OMLA website at www.ohiomla.org. Forms may be completed online or printed and mailed.
- 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.
- A school that has received a component award cannot apply for a component award in the same area for the following two years.
- Applications must be received by the posted deadline.

Awarding the Honor

- A committee of the Ohio Middle Level Association Executive Board members will review all applications.
- Applicants which 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.
- Component Awards will be recognized at the OMLA annual state conference.

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

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