The Educator-of-the-Year award is the most distinguished honor the Ohio Middle Level Association can bestow upon an individual to recognize his or her contributions to middle level education.

**Nomination Criteria**

- Nominator must be a current member of the Ohio Middle Level Association
- Individual nominated may be a teacher, administrator, or parent.
- Nominee must be a current member of the Ohio Middle Level Association.
- Previous recipients may not be nominated for the award.

**Application Criteria**

- Describe how the nominated individual promotes the middle school concept through involvement in exemplary programs, leadership, or research that serves the needs of middle level students.
- Describe how the candidate is involved at the local, regional, and state levels.

**Awarding the Honor**

- A committee of the Ohio Middle Level Association Executive Board members will review all applications and determine the award recipient.
- The selected Educator-of-the-Year will be recognized at the OMLA annual state conference.

**Application Deadline: March 9, 2023**

**Ohio Middle Level Association Educator of the Year Award**

Previous recipients who are not eligible for this award:

1979 Burt Reed  
1980 Gordan Vars  
1981 Vince Barra  
1982 Herb Broda  
1983 John Haschak  
1984 Bob Edwards  
1985 Rob Hayden  
1986 Wayne Ambrose  
1987 Helena Sturkey  
1988 Larry Lewis  
1989 Charlotte Wagner  
1990 Gordan Gerber  
1991 Philip Binkley  
1992 Joe Mucciarone  
1993 Tom Bletcher  
1994 Susan Wynn  
1995 William Kaderly  
1996 Dana Cowardin  
1997 Ed Vittardi  
1998 Diana Haap  
1999 Barbara Miller  
2000 Steve Raines  
2001 Nancy Poliseno  
2002 Don Jostworth  
2003 Janet Litzel  
2004 David Kommer  
2005 Charles Beard  
2006 Ferald Manganella  
2007 Shannon Federinko  
2008 John Swaim  
2009 Jack Berckemeyer  
2010 Dona Gardner Klein  
2011 Tom Burton  
2013 Patricia Grove  
2014 Jay Clark  
2015 Wendy Fragrasse  
2016 James Trogden  
2016 Nancy Wanyerka  
2017 Kyle Leatherman  
2018 Michelle Koussa  
2019 Lorrie Kubaszewski  
2020 Matt Smith  
2021 Cindy Dorsey  
2022 Paul Destino
Ohio Middle Level Association
2023 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
Nomination Form

Please print or type all information.

Name of Nominee: ________________________________________________________________

Nominee's School: __________________________________________________________________

School Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City: ______________________________________________State _____________Zip:____________

Current Position: _____________________________________________________________________

Describe how the nominated individual promotes the middle school concept through involvement in exemplary programs, leadership, or research that serves the needs of middle level students.

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Describe how the candidate is involved at the local, regional, and state levels.

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Principal's Name:  ____________________________________________________________________

Principal's Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Telephone: __________________________ Email: __________________________________________

Please submit a narrative stating the basis for this nomination.

Name of recommending OMLA Member: _______________________________________________

School: ______________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: __________________________ Email: __________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________

Send completed nomination form and/or additional support for this nomination to:
Robb Gonda
2080 Citygate Drive
Columbus, OH 43219
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Applications must be postmarked no later than March 9, 2023