

Required Response Questions for CCPS Teacher of the Year

Nominees are to answer two of the below questions. Response questions are to be submitted as a Word document and a word count must appear at the end of each response question. Responses are not to exceed the maximum word count. Forward your choice of questions, responses and word count for each question to Ramona DiBenedetto at rdibenedetto@ccboe.com no later than **3:00 p.m. on November 11, 2021.**

Questions 1 – 4: All nominees are to choose one of the below questions and provide a written response along with a word count.

1. Describe a content lesson or unit that defines you as a teacher. How did you engage students of all backgrounds and abilities in the learning? How did that learning influence your students? How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in this lesson or unit? **(maximum 750 words)**
2. Describe a project or initiative you have been involved in which contributed to the improvement of overall school culture. What was your role, how did you involve others, and what is the status of this project today? Please include evidence of student impact. **(maximum 500 words)**
3. How do you ensure that education transcends the classroom? Describe specific ways in which you deliberately connect your students and the community. Please include evidence of student impact. **(maximum 500 words)**
4. What do you consider to be a major public education issue today? Describe how you demonstrate being a lifelong learner, leader, and innovator about this issue, both in and outside of the classroom. **(maximum 500 words)**

Question 5: All nominees are to provide a response to question number five and a word count.

5. As the 2022 Maryland or National Teacher of the Year, you will serve as a spokesperson and representative for teachers and students. What is your message? What will you communicate to your profession and to the public? **(maximum 750 words)**

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