



Bentonville/Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year

The Bentonville/Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce wishes to annually recognize outstanding teachers at each of the following grade levels:

- Elementary (K-4)
- Middle (5-6)
- Jr. High (7-8)
- High school (9-12)
- Community college

Core criteria for selection will include the following:

- Community involvement: civic organizations, church involvement, etc. If part of the teaching assignment involves working with the community (i.e. work study program, DECA, etc.) this will not count as voluntary community involvement. This category will count for doubled points so attention to detail on the teacher's application will be important.
- Minimum of three years teaching experience in the Bentonville/Bella Vista area
- Displays desire to go beyond expected professional development requirements
- Exhibits leadership skills- in the workplace and/or community
- Uses instructional strategies and approaches that positively impact student achievement
- Promoter of the communities of Bentonville and Bella Vista
- Rapport with students

Nomination process:

- Teachers may be nominated by community members, colleagues, students, etc.
- Nomination forms will be made available in hard copies as well as online forms
- Forms will be available on the Bentonville Public Schools website, the Bentonville/Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce website and NorthWest Arkansas Community College website.

Nominations must be received by December 9, 2011.