

Educator Standards Board

R. OHIO MASTER TEACHER PROGRAM RENEWAL OVERVIEW

The Ohio Master Teacher designation encourages and supports lifelong learning of educators and challenges accomplished educators to serve as catalysts for deep professional growth in their learning communities.

DEFINITION OF A MASTER TEACHER

A Master Teacher demonstrates excellence inside and outside of the classroom through consistent leadership and focused collaboration to maximize student learning. A Master Teacher strives for distinguished teaching and continued professional growth as specified by *The Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession*:

1. Teachers understand student learning and development, and respect the diversity of the students they teach.
2. Teachers know and understand the content area for which they have instructional responsibility.
3. Teachers understand and use varied assessments to inform instruction, evaluate and ensure student learning.
4. Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction that advances the learning of each individual student.
5. Teachers create learning environments that promote high levels of learning and achievement for all students.
6. Teachers collaborate and communicate with students, parents, other educators, administrators and the community to support student learning.
7. Teachers assume responsibility for professional growth, performance, and involvement as an individual and as a member of a learning community.

CRITERIA

Master Teacher Renewal provides an opportunity for currently designated Master Teachers to demonstrate their continued practice at the accomplished and distinguished levels, per the *Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession*. The Master Teacher Renewal process is an attempt to capture, reflect on and document the professional life of the Master Teacher over the past five years and is a professional commitment to continually strive for the distinguished level in the criteria of **consistent leadership, focused collaboration, students and environment, content, instruction and assessment, and continued professional growth**.