



Past and Present Michigan Teachers of the Year

School Year	Teacher and District	Grade and Subject
2025-2026	Corey Rosser, North Branch Area Schools	High School, Social Studies
2024-2025	Kelley Cusmano, Rochester Community Schools	High School, English Language Arts
2023-2024	Candice Jackson, Detroit Public Schools Community District	Grade 3
2022-2023	Nanette Hanson, Escanaba Area Public Schools	Grade 1
2021-2022	Leah Porter, Holt Public Schools	Kindergarten, Grade 3
2020-2021	Owen Bondono, Oak Park Schools	High School, English Language Arts
2019-2020	Cara Lougheed, Rochester Community Schools	High School, English Language Arts and History
2018-2019	Laura Chang, Vicksburg Community Schools	Grade 2
2017-2018	Luke Wilcox, East Kentwood Public Schools	High School, Mathematics
2016-2017	Tracy Horodyski, Kenowa Hills Public Schools	Reading Interventionist and Literacy Coach
2015-2016	Rick Joseph, Birmingham Public Schools	Grades 5 & 6
2014-2015	Melody Arabo, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	Grade 3
2013-2014	Gary G. Abud, Jr., Grosse Pointe Public School System	High School, Chemistry and Physics
2012-2013	Bobbi Jo Kenyon, Grand Rapids Public Schools	High School, Biology and Math
2011-2012	Paul Galbenski, Oakland Schools	High School, Business and Marketing,
2010-2011	Matinga Ragatz, Grand Ledge Public Schools	High School, Social Studies
2009-2010	Robert L. Stephenson, Okemos Public Schools***	Grade 3
2008-2009	Jennifer Haberling, Hudsonville School District	Grade 7, English
2007-2008	June Teisan, Harper Woods Public Schools***	Grade 7, Science
2006-2007	Kimberly Kyff, Detroit Public Schools	Grade 5
2005-2006	Daniel J. Schab, Williamston Community Schools	High School, Mathematics
2004-2005	Heidi L. Capraro, Northville Public Schools	Grade 6, Science
2003-2004	William R. Cecil, Waverly Community Schools	Grade 5

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2002-2003	Susan L. Gutierrez, Forest Hills Public Schools	Grades 7-8, History
2001-2002	James F. Linsell, Traverse City Area Public Schools	Grade 6
2000-2001	Joan E. Garretson, Walled Lake School District	Elementary, Special Education
1999-2000	Margaret Holtschlag, Haslett Public Schools***	Grade 4
1998-1999	Timothy Graham, Wyandotte Public Schools	High School, Chemistry
1997-1998	Katherine Grzesiak, Midland Public Schools	Grade 5
1996-1997	Sue Szczepanski, Marquette Public Schools	Grade 2
1994-1995/ 1995-1996*	Sharon L. Green, Marquette Public Schools	Middle School Choral Music and keyboarding
1993-1994	Robert Lawrence Van Camp, Utica Community Schools	High School, East Asian Studies
1992-1993	Nancy Flanagan, Hartland Consolidated Schools	Middle School, Vocal and Instrumental Music
1991-1992	Thomas A. Fleming, Washtenaw Intermediate School**	Secondary, Special Education
1990-1991	Katherine Afendoulis, Forest Hills Public Schools	Grade 3
1989-1990	Cynthia Ann Broad, L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	Elementary, Special Education
1988-1989	Andrea Rochelle Willis, Warren Consolidated Schools	Grade 3
1987-1988	Edward Manning, Lincoln Consolidated Schools	High School, Art
1986-1987	Nancy Corbin Bray, Jenison Public Schools	Middle School, Vocal/General Music
1985-1986	Jacquelyn Caffey, Detroit Public Schools***	Elementary, Reading
1984-1985	Judyth Dobbert, Albion Public Schools	Grades 2 & 3
1983-1984	Marvelle J. Vannest, Kalkaska Public Schools	Middle School, English
1982-1983	Hugh P. Spagnolo, Lansing Public Schools	High School, English
1981-1982	Melvin Anthony Miller, L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	Middle School, Social Studies
1980-1981	Joan Hammersmith, Forest Hills Public Schools	Grade 1
1973	John Ryor, Battle Creek Public Schools	High School
1970	Mary Ellen Stier, New Haven Community Schools	Reading Teacher
1968	Ryll S. Clark Rapid City High School	Teacher/Principal, Grade 6
1967	Arlyne E. Phillips, Dearborn City School District	Special Education
1966	Myrtie Bowerman, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools	High School
1964	Ralph N. Deal, Grosse Pointe Public Schools	High School
1961	Isabelle Mattson, Union City Public Schools	Grade 5

School Year	Teacher and District	Grade and Subject
1957	Mary Fordice Noecker, Kalamazoo Public Schools	High School, History
1952	Rosalind Zapf, Detroit Public Schools	High School

* **Due to Michigan aligning program timelines to the national timelines, Sharon Green represented Michigan in 1994-95 and 1995-96 as the Michigan Teacher of the Year.**

** **Tom Fleming was chosen as the 1992 National Teacher of the Year.**

*** **Selected as a finalist for National Teacher of the Year during their year as MTOY.**

If you know of a teacher who received the Michigan Teacher of the Year award and is not listed above, please contact Jennifer Robel at RobelJ@Michigan.gov.