



September 2014

Re: 2014 Inclusive Education Practices Award

Dear Parents and Guardians:

ISD 191 Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) has established an annual award to recognize outstanding school staff that work to ensure students with disabilities have inclusive education opportunities in the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Schools.

They would like to invite you to submit a nominee for the 4th annual Inclusive Education Practices Award. The nomination information (directions and nomination form) is attached. It is also located on the district website - homepage.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at scorbey@burnsville.k12.mn.us or 952-707-6261. **Submission Deadline:**

Friday, October 31, 2014

Regards,

Stephanie Corbey

Stephanie Corbey, Executive Director
Individualized Student Services

2014 Inclusive Education Practices Award

ISD 191 Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) has established an annual award to recognize outstanding school staff whose work ensures inclusive education opportunities for students with disabilities in the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Schools.

SEAC is a district advisory council comprised of parents, students, community members, school staff, and administrators. Its charge is to advise the special education department on policy and program planning. They are committed to the District's mission of "Empower Learning, Energize Achievement, Embrace Community - Each Student Real-World-Ready". SEAC also supports the District's Core Values and believes that Inclusive Education naturally flows from these values. Inclusive Education is:

- children with all abilities participating and learning together
- ensuring that each and every student feels welcome and that their unique needs and learning styles are attended to and valued
- the realization of community membership and greater opportunities for academic and social achievement for all students

SEAC is looking for school staff that put the qualities and words of the ISD 191 Strategic Roadmap - Expectations, Respect, Integrity, and Partnership - into action in support of Inclusive Education Practices. For this reason, SEAC is sponsoring the 4th Annual Inclusive Education Practices Award.

ISD 191 Special Education Advisory Council

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION

Who can be an award recipient(s)?

1) **Individuals** - Educators - general/special educators; special education service providers - nurses, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, DAPE teachers, etc.; Support Staff- education assistants, cultural liaisons, custodians, clerical staff, food service staff, etc.; Administrators; and others.

2) **School teams** - a group of school/program staff.

Who can submit a nomination?

Parents, students, school staff, community members, or an administrator can complete an award nomination.

What is the deadline?

Friday, October 31, 2014

Where do I send my nomination?

Individualized Student Services, Attn: Andrea Sieber, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District #191, 100 River Ridge Court, Burnsville, MN 55337, fax: 952-707-2096 or email: asieber@burnsville.k12.mn.us

What is the Criteria for Nomination and Selection?

The individual or school team:

- Encourages and facilitates development of social interactions/ friendships among peers
- Provides leadership in sharing the values/goals of inclusive education
- Encourages development of students' self-determination/self-advocacy/self-sufficiency skills

- Designs instruction and/or services that support students in accessing the general education curriculum using adaptations, modifications, specialized methodologies, and collaborative program designs.

Nomination packet includes:

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. Letter of support and/or documentation supporting individual or group/team

Selection Notification:

The award winner (s) will be announced in December.

Previous Award Winners:

2011 Mark Riggs Burnsville High School

2012 Leanne Banks Eagle Ridge Jr. High

2013 Barbara Gierada William Byrne Elementary



ISD 191 2014 Inclusive Education Practices Award
Nomination Form

_____ **Individual**

_____ **Group/Team**

(If applicable use back side for additional names)

Name Nominee(s): _____

School/Building: _____

Position: _____

Phone: (w) _____ (h) _____

Email: _____

Submitted by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Email: _____

Phone: (w) _____ (h) _____

1. Describe how the nominee has encouraged and facilitated development of social interactions/ friendships among peers.

2. Describe how the nominee has provided leadership in sharing the values/goals of inclusive education.

3. Describe how the nominee has encouraged development of students' self-determination/self-advocacy/self-sufficiency skills.

4. Describe how the nominee has designed instruction and/or services that support students in accessing the general education curriculum using adaptations, modifications, specialized methodologies, and collaborative program designs.