



January 2016

Re: 2016 Inclusive Education Practices Award

Dear Parents and Guardians:

ISD 191 Special Education Advisory Committee (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.

SEAC invites you to submit a nominee for the 5th 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@isd191.org or 952-707-6261.

Submission Deadline: Friday, March 4, 2016

Regards,

Stephanie Corbey

Stephanie Corbey, Executive Director
Individualized Student Services

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SEAC is a district advisory council comprised of parents, 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 those values. Inclusive Education is:

- children with all abilities participating and learning together
- ensures 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 (2015-2020) - Expectations, Respect, Integrity, and Partnership - into action in support of Inclusive Education Practices. For this reason, SEAC is sponsoring the 5th Annual Inclusive Education Practices Award.

Possible Award Recipient:

1) **Individual Educator** - 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 representing a grade level, program, committee, etc.

Who can submit a nomination?

Parents, students, school staff, community members, or an administrator

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Send Nominations to: 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@isd191.org

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-empowerment/self-advocacy/self-sufficiency skills
- Designs instruction/experiences that enable students to access the general education curriculum/classroom/environments/programs using adaptations, modifications, specialized devices, and/or collaborative processes.

Nomination packet includes:

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. Letter of Support and/or Documentation supporting individual or group/team

Selection Notification:

The award winner will be announced by the end of March.

Previous Award Winners:

2011	Mark Riggs	Burnsville High School
2012	Leanne Banks	Eagle Ridge Jr. High
2013	Barbara Gierada	Willam Byrne Elementary
2014	Lori Haggerty	Preschool Rahn Elementary

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Nomination Form

_____ **Individual**

_____ **Group/Team**

(If applicable use back side for additional names)

Nominee(s) Name: _____

School/Building: _____

Position: _____

Phone: (w) _____ (h) _____

Email: _____

Submitted by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Email: _____

Phone: (w) _____ (h) _____

1. Describe how the nominee(s) has encouraged and facilitated development of social interactions/ friendships among diverse ability peers.

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

3. Describe how the nominee(s) has encouraged development of students' self-empowerment/self-advocacy/self-efficacy skills.

4. Describe how the nominee(s) has designed instruction / experiences that enable students to access the general education curriculum/ classroom/ environments/ programs using adaptations, modifications, specialized devices, and/or collaborative processes.

If necessary, use other side of form