



Midland Public Schools
Inspiring Excellence

PRESENTING THE 71ST ANNUAL

GERSTACKER TEACHER PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Each year since 1956, teacher proficiency awards have been given to recognize contributions by exemplary teachers beyond the ordinary level of professional performance. These awards are made possible through the generous support of the Carl and Esther Gerstacker Donor-Advised Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

Four awards will be made to Midland Public Schools teachers:

Two awards in the elementary division (K-5)

Two in the secondary division (6-12)

Any person who has served continuously for a period of three or more years in a position requiring a Michigan certificate for teaching, is not retiring in 2026, and has not received a Gerstacker Award previously is eligible for the award.

HOW TO NOMINATE:

ONLINE NOMINATION FORM:

www.midlandps.org/gerstacker

PERSONAL LETTER BY MAIL:

MPS Gerstacker Awards Committee
Attn: Superintendent's Office
600 East Carpenter Street Midland, MI 48640

The Gerstacker Awards Committee consists of a member of the Board of Education, President of the Midland City Education Association (MCEA), Chairperson of the MCEA Professional Standards Committee, an MPS Administrator, and a Gerstacker recipient from the previous year.

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

Awards will be presented and winners celebrated at the 2026-2027 Opening Staff Meeting in August.