

Eastern Wisconsin Excellence in Education Awards Program

We are excited to announce that twenty-four local school districts are partnering with Channel 5 to recognize exceptional school employees in a program called “Eastern Wisconsin Excellence in Education.” This program is similar to the “Golden Apple” and “Shining Stars” programs in Green Bay and the Fox Valley.

This program allows parents, students, community members, and staff to nominate deserving school employees in the following categories:

- **Innovation in work** (How has the employee demonstrated innovation in their work area?)
- **Culture creator in the work environment** (How has the employee gone above and beyond in creating a positive school culture?)
- **Social/emotional wellbeing** (How has the employee impacted the social/emotional wellbeing of students and/or the school environment?)
- **Community involvement** (How has the employee positively impacted the community?)
- **Student connection** (In what ways has the employee built positive relationships with students?)

Nominations need to be submitted by February 9, 2026. Following the submission deadline, a panel of judges will review each nomination to determine finalists. These finalists will then be asked to elaborate on the work outlined in the nomination. The judges will then select the award recipients in each of the five categories.

The awards show ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at the Kohler Performing Arts Center. The program will be live streamed on Channel 5’s, WeAreGreenBay.com website.

A link to the nomination form is also available on the School District website and Facebook page.