

## **Sonoma County Office of Education Teacher of the Year Scoring Rubric**

### **Criteria A: How do you focus on closing the achievement gap/meeting the needs of all students? Please provide an example of how you do this and evidence of the impact.**

- Includes measurable data as evidence of student achievement.
- Addresses how student learning is monitored to close the achievement gap
- Conveys depth of content knowledge and how to deliver content creatively and in a differentiated fashion to engage students in learning
- Reflects a belief that all children can achieve and describes practices to provide this opportunity
- Puts the reader in the classroom and leaves the reader easily able to visualize learning in the classroom setting and the teacher as the instructional leader

### **Criteria B: How have you demonstrated educational and/or professional development leadership in your school or district?**

- Provides high-quality professional development, mentoring or coaching to new teachers and/or colleagues
- Is active in professional associations
- Has been recognized with awards or honors

### **Criteria C: Describe how you contribute to implementing 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching practices into your grade level, department, or school.**

- Addresses how instruction is delivered to engage students in critical, analytical and/or creative thinking/problem-solving
- Describes how available technology is used to enhance learning

### **Criteria D: How have you contributed to the success of your grade level, department or school?**

- Is involved in school or district leadership
- Has taken initiative in working with colleagues to increase student learning and/or the quality of the instructional program

### **Criteria E: How do you involve/utilize the community in your classroom?**

- Examples show meaningful community involvement in the classroom
- Shows the teacher's influence beyond the classroom and into their school community and/or community at large
- Community involvement is used to make learning more relevant
- Students contribute to the community through service

### **Overall Application**

- Puts the reader in the classroom and leaves the reader wanting to know more/observe in the classroom
- Reflects the teacher's personal journey and professional growth
- Inspires through commitment as a lifelong learner who models dedication to continued learning
- Focuses on building relationships that transform and empower students, parents, and community
- Conveys a student-centered perspective