



**An Invitation to Nominate an Outstanding CAS Elementary School as
CAS Elementary School of the Year 2011-2012**

(Deadline for Submission is August 24, 2011)

Nominations may be made by any present or former member of the school staff or by district central office personnel.

Purpose:

To give public recognition to an outstanding **CAS member elementary school** that deserves major recognition for its exemplary programs in meeting the needs of elementary school students. The school chosen will receive recognition in the media, in CAS publications and at a CAS sponsored ceremony in their community as well as at the Elementary Program Recognition Banquet on November 21, 2011.

Eligibility:

The following criteria will be used to determine the recipient of this award:

1. **School must be a member of CAS** and:
 - a. Provide an educational program which has demonstrated meeting the needs of **all** of its students.
 - b. Provide student opportunities that go beyond those that are a part of a typical school, i.e., clubs, activities, support services, extra help for those who need it.
 - c. Show evidence that the school's educational programs are consistently being reviewed and improved.
 - d. Show evidence that the school welcomes participation from all internal constituencies.
 - e. Show evidence that the school plays an active role in the community.
 - f. Show evidence that the school welcomes parent involvement.

2. Each of the six criteria must be individually addressed. The total response must not exceed 10 pages (12 point font/single spaced).
3. Only one application per district will be accepted.
4. A copy of the strategic profile must accompany the application.
5. A copy of the student/parent handbook must accompany the application.
6. The winning school will be invited to share exemplary practices and programs with other CAS elementary schools by offering CAS workshops, writing for the CAS Bulletin and /or welcoming visitors to their school.

7. Deadline for submission of nominations is no later than **August 24, 2011**.
8. Nominations should be sent to:

*Regina S. Birdsell, Assistant Executive Director
The Connecticut Association of Schools
30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410*

Timeline: Applications will be reviewed in September, 2011, and the two finalists will be visited in October.

(Please attach nomination title sheet that follows as page 2 of this application.)



*The Connecticut Association of Schools
Outstanding Elementary School of the Year 2011-2012*

Nomination Title Sheet

(Deadline for Submission is August 24, 2011)

I nominate the following CAS school as an outstanding elementary school for the year 2011-2012:

School _____

Principal _____

Address _____

Town/City _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

School Website: _____

Typed Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator

Position of Nominator

Date Submitted

Telephone Number of Nominator

Endorsement by Superintendent of Schools

I have read and support this application

Typed Name of Superintendent

Signature of Superintendent

For CAS Use Only

Form: SOY 2011-2012

Date Received _____

No. of Pages _____

Criteria Addressed _____

Handbook _____

SSP _____