



## Center for Leadership and Innovation

### *Here is your Invitation to Nominate An Outstanding CAS Middle-Level School for 2019-2020*

#### **Purpose**

1. To give public recognition in Connecticut and nationally to an outstanding **CAS-Member Middle School** that represents the best in the profession.
2. The school chosen will receive recognition in the media, in CAS publications, and at a CAS sponsored ceremony in their community.

#### **Eligibility**

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

1. The school must be a CAS Member Middle-Level School and exhibit the following *Best Practices*:
  - Evidence of a safe and healthy school environment.
  - Evidence that the school involves parents and the community in supporting student learning and healthy development.
  - Student services that go beyond those that are part of a typical school, i.e. clubs, activities, support services, and extra help for those who need it.
  - Evidence that the school's educational programs are consistently being reviewed and improved.
  - A researched based curriculum with appropriate assessment grounded in standards.
  - Instructional methods and strategies designed to prepare students to meet high standards.
  - Teaming practices that drive instruction.
  - Personalization of the school environment.
  - Collaborative leadership and professional learning communities.
2. Previous winners may not apply for a period of five years and must clearly show significant change from the previous application. Finalists {schools receiving site visits} are encouraged to re-apply for this award and may do so one full school year following the site visit. Schools not selected as finalists are welcome to re-apply at any time.
3. Each of the nine criteria listed above must be individually addressed in narrative form. The total response must not exceed 10 pages (12-point font/single spaced).
4. Applications must be delivered to CAS or postmarked no later than **March 1, 2019**.
5. The winning school will be invited to share exemplary practices and programs with other CAS middle-level schools by offering CAS workshops, writing for CAS publications, and/or welcoming visitors to their school.
6. Nominations may be made by any present or former member of the school staff or by district central-office personnel.
7. Nominations should be submitted to:  
Dr. John Sieller, Assistant Executive Director  
The Connecticut Association of Schools  
30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

#### **Timeline**

1. Applications will be reviewed in March.
2. Finalists will be visited in April or May, 2019.



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***Outstanding Middle-Level School of the Year 2019-2020***

**Nomination Title Sheet: Nomination Must Be From a CAS-Member School**

*(Deadline for Submission is March 1, 2019)*

**I nominate the following CAS school as an outstanding middle-level school for the year 2019-2020:**

School \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address of Principal \_\_\_\_\_  
School Website \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator:**

_____ Typed Name of Nominator	_____ Signature of Nominator
_____ Position of Nominator	_____ Date Submitted
_____ Telephone Number of Nominator	_____ E-Mail Address of Nominator
_____ Address of Nominator	

**Endorsement by Superintendent of Schools**

I have read and support this application

_____ Typed Name of Superintendent	_____ Signature of Superintendent
_____ Telephone Number of Superintendent	_____ E-Mail Address of Superintendent
_____ Address of Superintendent	

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pages \_\_\_\_\_ Criteria Addressed \_\_\_\_\_