



District 215 is blessed with an abundance of committed individuals – certified and support staff, parents, and community members - who work unselfishly to make our schools and district successful, and quite often, these individuals do not receive the praise and recognition that they deserve. **Excellence Counts** is an award that the Board of Education designed to recognize those individuals who have impacted the lives of our students, both in and out of the classroom. Our award, **Excellence Counts**, provides an avenue for district staff, parents, students, and community members to nominate and honor those people who have done their very best for District 215. At each monthly meeting, the Board of Education will publicly acknowledge and honor **Excellence Counts** nominees for their contribution and dedication.

Excellence Counts Nomination Guidelines

Take the time to nominate an individual you know who embodies the **Excellence Counts** “spirit.” This is one of the best ways to recognize excellence and thank the people that you value most. All you have to do is complete the simple Nomination Form. Here are some tips that the reviewing committee has identified to help you with your nomination.

- Forms are available in the main offices of each building and can be downloaded from the District 215 webpage (www.tfd215.org).
- The reviewers are relying on your words and examples to appreciate the strength of your nominee’s contributions. The reviewers may not know your nominee except through your nomination. Therefore, speak from the heart.
- Be sure to select an Area of Excellence (Innovation, Enthusiasm, Dedication, Citizenship) AND a Category (Classroom, Student Services, School Environment, Ancillary Programs).
- Try to use specific examples in your personalized statement.
- If you have any questions or are unsure which category or area of excellence is most appropriate for your nominee, please contact Julie Venem at 708-585-2309 or jvenem@tfd215.org



Complete the following: (Please type or print.)

ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Nominee's Name

Nominee's Position – Note: If you are nominating a group or members of an organization, a list of all individuals must be included.

Building Site – Circle One:

TFN

TFS

Science & Technology Center

Administration Center

Areas of Excellence

Select the appropriate area(s) of excellence for your nominee.

Innovation

Nominees are thinkers and doers, people who have discovered new paths to excellence and have implemented a plan to achieve that excellence.

Enthusiasm

Nominees bring a positive and productive perspective to District 215. They build morale within groups or organizations, have an upbeat outlook that energizes those around them, and inspire others with their actions, attitude and personality.

Dedication

Nominees take great pride in their work, unflinching serve others through their unyielding commitment to District 215. In some ways, they are the unsung heroes because their service has been consistently outstanding for so long that it may have been overlooked.

Citizenship

Nominees have made important contributions that benefit the entire school community. They have fostered cooperation, collaboration, and communication. They have committed their time and energy to working with others to improve and enhance our district.

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Category

Select the appropriate category for your nominee.

Classroom

Educators who go above and beyond.

Student Services

Individuals who work directly with students but outside of the classroom (Ex: Deans, Guidance Counselors, Social Workers, Secretaries)

School Environment

Individuals who contribute and maintain a safe and healthy school climate (Ex: Custodial Staff and Kitchen Staff, Deans' Assistants)

Ancillary Programs

School related programs (Ex: PTSA, PTA, Music and Athletic Booster Clubs) that offer assistance to District students and related programs

Personalize briefly how the individual(s) has positively impacted District 215.

ABOUT THE NOMINATOR

Nominator's Name

Nominator's Position & Building if applicable

Nominator's Address

Nominator's Phone Number

Nominator's Signature

Date

Please return completed **Excellence Counts** Nominations Form to District 215 Administration Center, 1601 Wentworth Avenue, Calumet City, IL 60409.