



DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR PROGRAM

Application Process

Summary of the Distinguished Educator Program

The New York State Education Department is implementing the Distinguished Educator (DE) Program to
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dramatically raising the achievement of high needs students in moderate to high performing districts.

OR

Alternate qualifications deemed acceptable by the Commissioner including, but not limited to, a

Assess the district's capacity to promote and support teaching and learning within all schools in the district;

Work with district administration and the board of education to review data, analyze district and school structures, plan for improvement, assist in targeting district priorities;

Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the board of education or trustees and work with district administration and the board of education to review data, analyze district and school structures, plan for improvement and assist in targeting district priorities;

Serve as a member of an Integrated Intervention Team and review such team's reports, if applicable;

Facilitate increased student performance across the district; and

Recommend administrative and operational improvements to strengthen systems.

Specific Responsibilities of a Distinguished Educator Assigned to a School

Assess the learning environment of the school(s) within the district;

Identify or confirm systemic or instructional barriers and critical gaps to improving student achievement; and

Improve curricula, instructional and assessment strategies.

Should an applicant meet all of the minimum qualifications, the successful candidate will be placed in a Distinguished Educator pool. From this pool, the Commissioner will select and appoint Distinguished Educators to assist school districts in raising the achievement levels of all student groups.

Please refer to [the Distinguished Educator Program](#) page for additional program information.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete and submit the all parts of this application as specified.

In order to become eligible for consideration as a Distinguished Educator, applicant must submit the following documentation as part of the application:

1. **Application for the Distinguished Educator Program**
2. **Advanced Degree** - An official transcript(s).
3. **State Certification/Licensure** - A copy of New York State certification/license, or an equivalent certification, as determined by the Commissioner, issued by a jurisdiction outside of the state.
4. **Resume**
5. **Professional References** - Three (3) recent letters of professional reference including current
