



To: Administrators, Educators, Teacher Assistants, Therapists, Parents and Students  
From: East Providence Local Advisory Committee for Special Education (EPLAC)  
Date: February 1, 2020  
Subject: EPLAC 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Needs Recognition Program Awards

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The East Providence Local Advisory Committee for Special Education (EPLAC) is pleased to announce our  
***12<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Needs Recognition Night***

We are currently seeking nominations for educators, teacher assistants, therapists, programs, students, parents and/or community resources that have provided consistently outstanding services for Special Education students, especially in the area of inclusion.

**Criteria for the Special Needs Recognition Program**

**Educator/Support Staff**

An educator/Support Staff who has provided consistently outstanding services to advance the success of students with special needs by demonstrating teaching practices in the classroom which enable achievement and participation of students with special needs in one or more of the following areas:

- Peer helping strategies
- Social skills development
- Management of behavior
- Differentiated instruction, instruction accommodations & appropriate test modifications
- classroom organization
- training & support of staff which increases achievement of students with special needs
- Promoting parent involvement to enable achievement and participation of students with special needs.

**Student**

A student who has made an outstanding contribution to school objectives or programs in one or more of the following ways:

- Participating in school programs which increase peer acceptance and support individual differences.
- Providing direct assistance, friendship, and encouragement to students with special needs.
- Demonstrating leadership in student activities to promote a spirit of caring, belonging, and cooperation among the student body.

### Programs

- A school based program, demonstrating outstanding results in promoting success of students with special needs through the cooperative efforts of school administrator, regular education and special education staff.

### Parent

- A parent who effectively advocated for their child to get the supports necessary for their child's academic and social success.

### Community Resource

- A local business or individual, who has made an outstanding contribution to school and/or community programs that benefited students with special needs.

Once all the nominations have been received and the winners have been chosen, there will be an awards reception on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Martin Middle School (details to follow). We thank you for your participation in this program.

**Please email the following information by Friday, March 27, 2020 to:**

[eplac@epschoolsri.com](mailto:eplac@epschoolsri.com)

**Subject Line: 2020 EPLAC Nominations Committee**

1. Name of Person or Program Nominated:
2. Category of Nomination: Educator/Support Staff, Student, Program, Parent, Community Resource
3. School:
4. Your Name:
5. Your Phone #:
6. Your Email:
7. **Nominating Statement:** In 500 words or less (one page "WORD" document), please state your reasons that support your nomination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email EPLAC (above). You will be notified by April 10<sup>th</sup> if your nomination has been chosen to receive a recognition.