



2027 Illinois Superintendent of the Year Application Information and Procedures

Applying for Illinois Superintendent of the Year has never been easier! IASA has created its own online application and is no longer utilizing the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) portal. To apply online, [click here](#).

Any superintendent can apply for Illinois Superintendent of the Year. Please note being recognized as an IASA Superintendent of Distinction does not automatically qualify you for the Illinois Superintendent of the Year award. You will still need to apply.

Illinois Selection Criteria

Each candidate is judged on the following criteria:

- **Student Success** – How is your district elevating student success in the areas of academics, high school preparedness, college and career readiness and social-emotional support?
- **Teacher Success** – How is your district improving the quality of teaching and learning?
- **District Success** – How has your leadership pushed your district forward?
- **Community Success** – In what ways have you given back to your community?
- **Involvement with IASA** – How involved are you with IASA?

Illinois Application Procedures

- Every candidate is responsible for filling out his or her own application. If IASA receives an inquiry about a nomination, we will notify the superintendent to complete the application.
- IASA requires a signed acknowledgement of the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Code of Ethics/Award Acknowledgement Form. Please review the Award Recipient Expectations document.
- IASA reserves and maintains the right to rescind the Illinois Superintendent of the Year Award for misrepresentation, fraud, sufficient evidence of violation of the IASA Code of Ethics and/or felony conviction relating to or arising out of or in connection with his or her service as an educator.

Recognition of the Illinois State Superintendent of the Year Selection Process and Timelines

- **Wednesday, September 9, 2026** (11:59 pm, CST) - Deadline for candidates to submit their completed online application, as well as the signed acknowledgement of the Illinois Association of School Administrators' Code of Ethics/Award Acknowledgement Form. Please also review the Award Recipient Expectations document.
- Late-September - The Illinois Superintendent of the Year Selection Committee will review the applications.

Please note that the Illinois Superintendent of the Year is normally recognized at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference and a reception at the AASA National Conference. If these events are canceled or held virtually, an alternate plan will be made for the recognition.

Questions on the Illinois program can be directed to Cherry Middleton, IASA Director of Operations and Facilities, at 217.753.2213 or cmiddleton@iasaedu.org.

AASA National Superintendent of the Year

If selected as Illinois Superintendent of the Year, honorees will need to go online and complete the AASA application to be considered for National Superintendent of the Year.