



Michigan District Educators of the Year Winners

Principal / Administrator of the Year

1994	Glen Erber – Trinity, Jackson
1995	Dr. Roy Kaiser – St. John, Rochester
1995	Dr. Leroy Laeder – St. John’s, Midland
1996	Brian Young – Immanuel, Bay City
1997	Ted Geheb – Our Shepherd, Birmingham
1998	R. David Siefker – Detroit Urban, Detroit
1999	Elaine Bickel – St. Paul, Millington
2000	Edgar Opel – St. John, Bay City (Amelith)
2001	Dr. Harvey Schmidt – St. Michael, Wayne
2002	Kathy Krause – LSEM, Detroit
2003	Charles Strohacker – Christ, Stevensville
2004	Dale Vorwerk – St. Paul, Flint
2005	Walter Krone – Mount Calvary, Detroit
2006	Alan Krause – Our Savior, Lansing
2007	Cynthia Brown – Zion, Harbor Beach
2008	Barry Blomquist – Our Savior, Grand Rapids
2009	Eric Pittman – St. Paul, Royal Oak
2010	Terry Davis – St. Peter, Macomb
2011	Dennis Schmidt – Zion, Auburn
2012	David Truog – St. Peter’s, Big Rapids
2013	Stacy Hoeft – Living Word, Rochester
2014	Robert Christian – Immanuel, Macomb
2015	David Waltz – St. John, Fraser
2017	Julian Petzold – Trinity, Clinton Township
2018	Michael Bender – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
2019	Susan Palka – St. Matthew, Walled Lake
2020	Gregory Johnson – St. Michael, Portage
2021	Matthew Dummann – Guardian, Dearborn
2022	Daniel Burk – St. Matthew, Westland
2023	Matthew Couser – Our Savior, Lansing
2024	Eric Hagenow – St. Peter, Hemlock
2025	Roger Wolter – Holy Cross, Saginaw
2026	John Reincke – Lutheran North, Macomb

Early Childhood Director of the Year

2019	Sheri Daniell – Trinity, Utica
2021	Kristi Hill – Creative Learning, Flat Rock
2022	Monica Slack – St. Paul, Ann Arbor
2023	Roxann Marchesi – Journey, Oxford
2024	Barbara Ackerman – Immanuel, Bridgman
2025	Lisa May – Bethlehem, Saginaw
2026	Mary Huisinga – Our World for Children, Battle Creek



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Early Childhood Teacher of the Year

2012	Karla Hardies – Trinity, Clinton Township
2013	Dorothy Siefker – St. Paul, Northville
2016	Kelly Monroe – St. John, Fraser
2017	Jessica Findlay – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
2018	Jennifer Voigt – St. John, Rogers City
2019	Brenda Sievert – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
2020	Mildred Chico – Open Arms, Belleville
2021	Marianne Dougherty – Holy Cross, Onaway
2022	Lynn Lawton – Bethlehem, Roseville
2023	Tammy Kelly – Peace, Saginaw
2024	Kelly Johnston – Trinity, Saint Joseph
2025	Kitty Sweitzer – Redeemer, Birmingham
2026	Melissa Susalla – St. Paul, Trenton

Elementary (K-8) Teacher of the Year

2012	Karen Delmotte – Trinity, Utica
2013	R. Dwain Grimpo – Faith, Bay City
2016	Sally Buss – Trinity, Clinton Township
2016	Brenda Havers – Trinity, Utica
2017	Beth Krause – Our Savior, Lansing
2018	Jill Kopper – Peace, Shelby Township
2019	Teresa Walter – St. Paul, Millington
2020	Paulette Walters – Trinity, Sturgis
2021	Justin Garcia – St. Paul, Bay City (Frankenlust)
2022	Jacquelin Brooks – Christ the King, Southgate
2023	Jodi Franz – Holy Cross, Saginaw
2024	Chantal Lanning – Immanuel, Macomb
2025	Penny Pfeiffer – St. Peter, Macomb
2026	Karen Collins – Guardian, Dearborn

High School Teacher of the Year

2013	John Brandt – Lutheran North, Macomb
2017	Renee Brenner – Valley Lutheran, Saginaw
2021	Douglas Guenther – Valley Lutheran, Saginaw
2022	Melissa Eastland – West Michigan Lutheran, Wyoming
2023	Brittaney Cover – Lutheran Westland, Westland
2025	Doug Braun – Lutheran Westland, Westland
2026	Marianne Volkert – Lutheran Northwest, Rochester Hills