

The Jefferson County ESD's 2026-2027 Marie Glenn Award(s)



Marie Glenn

The Marie Glenn Award honors the legacy of an extraordinary Jefferson County educator and former Jefferson County ESD Board Member whose impact exemplifies dedication to fostering curiosity, trust, and enthusiasm in diverse classrooms. This prestigious award celebrates and supports educators new to Jefferson County who inspire students to become lifelong learners and who embrace the challenges and opportunities of teaching in small, diverse communities.

In 2025-2026 the Jefferson County ESD introduced the first Marie Glenn Awards to recognize exceptional educators in their first three years of service within Jefferson County who demonstrate the values Marie Glenn upheld: cultivating curiosity, building trust, and inspiring enthusiasm for learning.

Candidate Qualities

Candidates for the Marie Glenn Award should:

- Be within their first three years of service in Ashwood School District, Black Butte School District, Culver School District, or Jefferson County School District 509J.
- Be highly skilled, knowledgeable, and dedicated educators who guide students of all backgrounds and abilities to success.
- Collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create a culture of respect, trust, and achievement.
- Build strong connections between schools and communities to enhance student learning.
- Demonstrate leadership, innovation, and a commitment to lifelong learning.
- Communicate effectively and inspire others with their passion for education.

Why It's Important

The Marie Glenn Award celebrates the profound influence that educators in their first three years can have on their students' lives and their communities. By honoring educators who build trust, inspire curiosity, and embrace diversity, this award encourages others to follow their example.

Awardees embody the idea that teaching is not just about conveying information—it's about empowering students to see their potential, overcome challenges, and discover the joy of learning. Through this award, Jefferson County ESD is taking an additional step to make Jefferson County

the best county in Oregon for educator support by recognizing the value of fresh perspectives and innovative approaches brought by new educators who are making a meaningful impact.

Nominate a Teacher

The Jefferson County ESD recognizes Marie Glenn Award Winners each fall with a monetary award to be used in their classroom - a gift to honor their contributions to education and thank them for choosing Jefferson County as the place they want to serve.

Do you know an outstanding educator new to Jefferson County? Fill out the nomination form and tell us what makes them exceptional and worthy of the 2026-2027 Jefferson County ESD's Marie Glenn Award!