

Hello Evaluation Configurators:

Headlines:

- **[DUE](#)**: August Deadlines
- **[NEW](#)**: Third Volume of TEAM Best Practices Video Library
- **[JOIN](#)**: Office Hours
- **[RECOGNITION](#)**: Recognition Season Launches

Key Deadlines for August ([TEAM Timeline](#))

*Be sure to check the [TEAM website](#) regularly for updates.

Date	Action	Owner	Resources	Contact
Aug. 29, 2025	Enter final achievement measure scores (off the shelf measures, etc.) from 2024-25.	Evaluation Configurators Administrators	TNCompass User Guide	Team.Questions@tn.gov
Aug. 29, 2025	Ensure former staff members have been removed from current year staffing and new staffed members have been added.	Evaluation Configurators Administrators	District and School Staff Assignments Roles and Permissions Quick Guide	Team.Questions@tn.gov
Sept. 3, 2025, 5:00PM CT	Team evaluator recertification process closes at 5:00 p.m. CT	Evaluation Configurators Evaluators	Enroll in TEAM Training TEAM-TN	Team.Questions@tn.gov

TEAM Resource Spotlight

TEAM Resources Added
<p>Portfolio Resources TEAM-TN has been updated for the 2025-26 school year.</p> <p>Planning Domain The Third Volume of TEAM Best Practices Video Library is now available. Our video library features a collection of engaging, practical, and thought-provoking videos covering a wide range of subjects and grade levels. Each TEAM indicator of the Planning Rubric is unpacked descriptor by descriptor with video examples of what that practice looks and sounds like in action. Accompanied by a facilitator preparation guide, these videos are designed for use as individual professional development, as part of a PLC, or in a large group setting. Each video spotlights one of our esteemed Tennessee Teachers, giving teachers and leaders a chance to learn directly from the best in the field.</p>

TNCompass Resource Spotlight

TNCompass Resources

LEA Contacts- Every district and charter must enter contacts in TNCompass under the Administration tab<LEA Settings. The department uses contact information to send relevant information pertaining to each area. LEAs can submit two names for each contact area except for Director of Schools/CMO Lead. LEA Contacts should be completed by August 15, 2025. Contact information can be updated as necessary throughout the year. For more information, refer to page 2 of this [document](#).

Office Hours

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The Educator Effectiveness team has redesigned the monthly office hour meetings for the 2025-26 school year. On the third Thursday each month there will be an opportunity for evaluation configurators and portfolio leads to join an office hour to ask questions pertaining to key components of implementation processes, resources, and deadlines. The office hours will not be recorded during the 2025-26 school year. PowerPoints from prior years will be available for reference on the TEAM website [Office Hours | TEAM-TN](#).

August Office Hours for the following roles on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

Evaluation Configurator	10:00 a.m. CT	Join the meeting
Portfolio Lead	1:00 p.m. CT	Join the meeting

Office hours available for AGM-URS leads quarterly.

AGM-URS Lead	August 21 at 11:00 a.m. CT	Join the meeting
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Educator Recognition

Recognition

The 2026-27 Recognition Season has launched!

Open Now!! Nominations are open for the following programs:

- [2025-26 RISE \(Recognizing Inspiration School Employees\)](#) * - An award recognizing Classified Staff – **Due Sept 22, 2025**
- [Teacher of the Year](#) - **Nominations Due Dec. 5, 2025**
- [Principal of the Year](#) - **Nominations Due Dec. 15, 2025**
- [Supervisor of the Year](#) - **Nominations Due Dec. 15, 2025**

Coming Soon!! Programs that will launch in the coming months:

- Novice Teacher of the Year (teachers in years 1-3)
- Aspiring Teacher of the Year (new award for Teaching as a Profession Students)
- Exemplary Educator Recognition Program (formerly known as the Talent Pool)

*TDOE is transitioning many of the recognition programs forms to a new platform: Submittable. This platform does require each user to create an account prior to submitting the form. For any troubleshooting creating an account, please refer to [this](#) document from the platform. Please note, by creating an account, this allows for the nominator to save and return to the form at a later date.

If you have any questions regarding these programs, please email Sarah.Brown@tn.gov.

The previous 6 months of evaluation configurator emails can be found on the [TEAM website](#). To see past emails, visit the homepage and scroll down to "Monthly Emails."

Thank you for all that you do to support Tennessee's students and teachers!

Best,



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