

Hello Evaluation Configurators:

## Headlines:

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

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

Date	Action	Owner	Resources	Contact
<b>Oct. 10, 2025</b>	Complete 2025-26 staffing in TNCompass.	Evaluation Configurators	<a href="#">TNCompass-District-and-School-staff-assignments-roles-and-permissions-quick-guide.pdf</a>	<a href="mailto:Team.Questions@tn.gov">Team.Questions@tn.gov</a>
<b>Oct. 17, 2025</b>	Enter final achievement measure scores (graduation rate, ACT, etc.) from 2024-25.	Evaluation Configurators Administrators	<a href="#">TNCompass-Evaluation-Data-Management-Guide_July2021_Final-Updated-July-2022.pdf</a>	<a href="mailto:Team.Questions@tn.gov">Team.Questions@tn.gov</a>
<b>Oct. 24, 2025</b>	Ensure all implementing teachers have access through SSO to online student growth portfolio platform.	Portfolio Leads	<a href="#">Portfolio Platform- TNPortfolio   TEAM-TN</a>	<a href="mailto:Portfolio.Questions@tn.gov">Portfolio.Questions@tn.gov</a>

## TEAM Resource Spotlight

TEAM Resources Added
<p><b><a href="#">Music Educators Observation Guidance</a></b> - designed to support evaluators in effectively observing instructional practice in music classrooms. Because music instruction often looks and sounds different from traditional classroom settings, this document highlights key considerations for evidence collection during pre-conferences, observations, and post-conference preparation while reinforcing that the TEAM rubric applies across all content areas. By clarifying nuances unique to music instruction, this guidance promotes stronger communication between educators and evaluators and supports high-quality instruction that leads to improved student outcomes.</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.

## TNCompass Resource Spotlight

### TNCompass Resources

A request was made for the Educator Effectiveness team to compile and share a list of evaluation configurators across the state. The purpose of this list is to facilitate communication and collaboration as needed.

The following information will be distributed to evaluation configurators:

- Name
- District
- Email address
- Evaluation Model

If an evaluation configurator prefers **not** to have their contact information included in this list, please complete this [opt-out form](#) by **October 3, 2025**.

Evaluation Configurators information is pulled from TNCompass<LEA Contacts.

## Office Hours

### Office Hours

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](#).

October Office Hours for the following roles on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Evaluation Configurator	10:00 a.m. CT	<a href="#">Join the meeting</a>
Portfolio Lead	1:00 p.m. CT	<a href="#">Join the meeting</a>

## Educator Recognition

### Recognition

**The Projected 2026-27 Recognition Timeline is available [here](#).**

\*Please note these are projected dates and can be amended at any time.

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

- [Teacher of the Year](#) - **Nominations Due Dec. 5, 2025**
- [Principal of the Year](#) - **Nominations Due Dec. 5, 2025**
- [Supervisor of the Year](#) - **Nominations Due Dec. 5, 2025**
- [Novice Teacher of the Year](#) (teachers in years 1-3) – **Nominations Due Dec. 5, 2025**
- [Exemplary Educator Recognition Program](#) (formerly known as the Talent Pool)- **Nominations due May 11**
- [Aspiring Teacher of the Year Application](#) (new award for Teaching as a Profession Students) - **due March 16, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CDT**

\*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](mailto: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,



### TEAM.Questions

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