



# Coweta County School System

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**Press Release**

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## 2026 Coweta Teachers of the Year To be Honored March 26

2026 Teachers of the Year - chosen by their fellow teachers in each of the Coweta County School System's 33 schools - will be honored by the Coweta County Board of Education on Thursday, March 26.

Teachers of the Year are selected by their fellow certified teachers at each school in recognition of exemplary teaching and professional leadership, and serve as ambassadors of their profession. This year's honorees represent teachers working in 1st through 12th grade, and a range of educational disciplines including English/Language Arts, math, science, social sciences, special education, health and physical education, REACH and middle school Connections.

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They will be honored at the Coweta County Teacher of the Year Program on March 26, held at the Nixon Centre for Performing and Visual Arts at 6:30 p.m.. The Coweta County Board of Education presents the program annually with the Newnan Pilot Club. The 2026 Coweta County Teacher of the Year - who is also chosen by current and former Coweta educators - will be announced at that program from among three finalists, including Erin Gladden of Thomas Crossroads Elementary School, Lindsay Dalton of Blake Bass Middle School, and Mary Beth Martin of Newnan High School.

All 33 of year's TOTY honorees include:

Angela Brodnax, REACH (Arbor Springs Elementary)  
Chelsey Brightman, 4th Grade (Arnco-Sargent Elementary)  
Channa Long, 1st Grade (Atkinson Elementary)  
Elizabeth Terrell, REACH (Brooks Elementary)  
Claire Eskew, 3rd Grade (Canongate Elementary)  
Tiffany Bullington, Bridge (Eastside Elementary)  
Gayelle Lahoud, 5th Grade (Elm Street Elementary)  
Joshua Potts, Physical Education (Glanton Elementary)

Debbie Donaldson, 1st Grade (Jefferson Parkway Elementary)  
 Jordan Cheatwood, Special Education (Moreland Elementary)  
 Holly Miller 4th Grade (Newnan Crossing Elementary)  
 Heather Walls, 4th and 5th Grade Science (Northside Elementary)  
 Alkina Avery, 5th grade ELA/Social Studies (Poplar Road Elementary)  
 Nikita Thomas, 4th Grade (Ruth Hill Elementary)  
 Erin Gladden, REACH (Thomas Crossroads Elementary)  
 Ashley Mason, 4th Grade (Welch Elementary)  
 Kristal Blevins, 3rd Grade (Western Elementary)  
 Casey Hice, 2nd Grade (White Oak Elementary)  
 Katie McCurry, 4th Grade (Willis Road Elementary)  
 Courtney Agurs, 7th Grade Science (Arnall Middle)  
 Lindsay Dalton, 6th Grade Math (Blake Bass Middle)  
 Christine Ling, 6th- 8th Grade Math (East Coweta Middle)  
 LaWanda Watson, 8th Grade ELA (Evans Middle)  
 Anissa Long, 6th Grade Math (Lee Middle)  
 Tracey E. Pitts, Connections (Madras Middle)  
 Kisha Thompson, 6th Grade Science (Smokey Road Middle)  
 Angela Norred, Science (Maggie Brown Middle)  
 Mark Bowles, Special Education (East Coweta High)  
 Mary Beth Martin, Science (Newnan High)  
 Nakeshia Shelton, Special Education (Northgate High)  
 Lynette Hanus, 8th Grade Academy (The Central Educational Center)  
 Lalanya Patrick, History (Winston Dowdell Academy)  
 Jamie Stewart, 7th and 8th Grade Math (Empower Online)

Teachers of the Year and finalists are chosen by their peers, and the county Teacher of the Year is chosen from among them by an independent panel of



experienced Coweta educators. Moreland Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher Jennifer Sandlin was named the 2025 Coweta County Teacher of the Year in March, 2025, and has served as the county's nominee for Georgia Teacher of the Year.



***2025 Coweta TOTY Ashley Linch, of Moreland Elementary, above, and with fellow finalists Jean Nicoleau and Lindsey Sprayberry and 2024 Coweta Teacher of the Year Jennifer Sandlin, of East Coweta High School, at right.***

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