

QUESTIONS—ONLY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE AWARD CATEGORY FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. RUBRIC POINTS ARE BASED ON A 100-POINT SCALE. THERE ARE NO WORD COUNT LIMITS.

DISTINGUISHED CLASSROOM TEACHER

QUESTIONS	POINT VALUE
1. What led you to a career in public education?	5 points
2. What is your philosophy of teaching?	5 points
3. What experience/realization has had the most profound impact on your career?	10 points
4. What is the biggest challenge facing public education today? How would you address that challenge?	15 points
5. Tell us about a specific challenge you've faced in your career and how you responded.	15 points
6. What do you do to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education? Provide evidence to support your response. <i>Evidence can include the following: pictures, newspaper articles, school programs, certificates, awards, announcements, acknowledgements, webpages, videos, PowerPoint (or comparable), or digital portfolios.</i>	25 points
7. Explain a lesson/unit you conducted that demonstrates access to a high-quality education for all students. Provide evidence that reflects reasons for conducting this lesson/unit and results of student success.	25 points
BONUS QUESTIONS	
A. Describe your contributions to the education profession through your work with your local association, TEA, and/or NEA.	Up to 5 points
B. List any additional professional/educational organizations to which you belong. Also include any leadership roles, elected positions, and any noteworthy accomplishments or activities within these organizations.	Up to 5 points