



Lawrence Schools Foundation

A.C.E Award

(Award for Commitment & Excellence)

The A.C.E Award recognizes and applauds our Educational Support Professionals whose efforts benefit students, faculty and staff, and others within and outside the USD 497 community. Students, faculty, classified and administrative staff may nominate any permanent part-time or full-time classified employee. Award recipients will be announced each fall and each spring. The recipient of the A.C.E Award will receive a \$500.00 award.

What is an Educational Support Professional?

Educational Support Professionals are the essential support staff who help keep our schools and buildings running smoothly. This includes roles such as administrative assistants, custodians, paraeducators, food service workers, maintenance staff, IT support, and more.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Exhibits personal service to others through USD 497 affiliations and initiatives and to his/her community, organizations, etc...
- Exhibits exemplary job performance
- Maintains a positive attitude and is dependable, conscientious, and caring
- Works easily with others both internal and external to the district
- Motivates others

Nomination Deadlines:
September 30, 2025
February 28, 2026



A.C.E Award Nomination Form

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In recognition of exemplary & outstanding contributions to USD 497, I would like to nominate the following employee:

Name of Nominee: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Describe in detail how this nominee represents the spirit of the award. Please give specific examples using the following criteria:

1. Positive attitude towards fellow employees, faculty, students, and the public
2. Outstanding work performance
3. Performance beyond specific job duties
4. Other considerations.

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

Email/telephone Number: _____

Please attach this form to your letter of support and send completed and signed nomination form to:

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Lawrence Schools Foundation

Attn: Dena Johnston/ Executive Director

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Lawrence, KS 66044

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Employee status verified by Human Resources: _____(Y) _____(N)