FAQs

- **How is the National Teacher of the Year selected?**
  - Every year, states, U.S. extra-state territories, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity select outstanding educators to serve as State Teachers of the Year. From a 2024 cohort of 55 State Teachers of the Year, the National Teacher of the Year Selection Committee, comprising 16 individuals and education organizations, selected finalists based on written applications and then subsequently the National Teacher of the Year from an additional interview process of the finalists.

- **Who chooses the State Teachers of the Year?**
  - States, U.S. extra-state territories, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity have their own processes for selecting their individual state teacher of the year.

- **Who runs the National Teacher of the Year Program?**
  - The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) runs the National Teacher of the Year Program, which identifies exceptional teachers across the country, recognizes their effective work in the classroom, engages them in a year of professional learning and amplifies their voices. Each year, CCSSO provides a new cohort of State Teachers of the Year with a yearlong, one-of-a-kind professional learning and development experience. These inspiring educators engage in rigorous learning experiences as they grow in teaching and learning, communications and advocacy, and education policy and leadership. In addition to this work, they also are invited to learn at Google, develop a TEDEd talk and attend
Space Camp, among other opportunities. You can learn more about the history of program [here](#).

- **What time period does the National Teacher of the Year serve in the role?**
  
  - Released from classroom duties for the year, the National Teacher of the Year works full time to shine a light on the vital role of teachers in this country. The National Teacher of the Year speaks at more than 150 events each year, crossing the country to share wisdom, advocate for students, elevate issues teachers face and inspire others to join the profession. A National Teacher’s year runs from July 1 to June 30.

- **Who sponsors the National Teacher of the Year Program?**
  