

### Criteria for Selection of Exceptional Teachers

Teachers must:

- Hold an appropriate instructional certificate;
- Set high expectations for all students;
- Establish a positive classroom climate and rapport with all students;
- Develop feelings of self-worth and a love of learning in all students;
- Increase student achievement of the *New Jersey Student Learning Standards* in a student-centered learning environment;
- Use a variety of instructional strategies that enable student success;
- Use educational technology effectively in support of learning; and
- Contribute to quality professional development in their districts.

### Criteria for Selection of Exceptional Educational Services Professionals

Educational services professionals must:

- Hold an appropriate educational services professional certificate;
- Interact positively with students, staff and parents, while functioning as a frontline advocate for the student between home and school;
- Foster an appropriate environment for learning and explore creative alternatives to enable all students to achieve to their fullest potential;
- Interact with students in ways that demonstrate professionalism while retaining respect, humor, compassion, and concern for the whole child;
- Support student achievement of the *New Jersey Student Learning Standards* while addressing the educational, social, and emotional needs of all students; and
- Contribute to quality professional development in their districts.

Educational Services Professionals may be classified as one of the following:

- Associate School Library Media Specialist
- School Athletic Trainer
- Director of School Counseling Services
- School Counselor
- School Library Media Specialist
- Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
- Reading Specialist
- School Nurse (Instructional and Non-instructional)
- School Occupational Therapist
- School Physical Therapist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Speech-Language Specialist
- Substance Awareness Coordinator
- Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations