

New York State Education Department

Announcement for Candidates for the Distinguished Educator Program Pool

Location: Placement varies statewide.

The New York State Education Department implemented the Distinguished Educator Program to assist low performing districts and schools within such districts that have failed to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for four or more years.

Under 8 NYCRR §100.17, the Commissioner may appoint a Distinguished Educator as a consultant for a one- year term to a district or assign him or her to a school or schools within such district. Also, upon satisfactory evaluation, a Distinguished Educator may be reappointed for one additional year.

Upon completion of the application process, successful candidates will be placed in a pool and may serve as Distinguished Educators. From this pool, the Commissioner will select and appoint Distinguished Educators to assist school districts in raising the achievement levels of all student groups.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Distinguished Educator Program pool.

Brief Summary of Roles and Responsibilities: A Distinguished Educator appointed to a **district** must, among other responsibilities: conduct an intensive review of district and school systems, structures, operations and facilities and develop an action plan outlining goals and objectives for the ensuing school year; work with district administration and Board of Education to review data, plan for improvement; assist in targeting district's priorities; recommend administrative and operational improvements to strengthen systems; and serve as an ex- officio, non-voting member of the board of education or trustees.

A Distinguished Educator assigned to a **school** within the district he or she has been appointed to must, among other responsibilities: assess the teaching and learning environment; identify or confirm systemic or instructional barriers and critical gaps in improving student achievement; align and improve curricula, instructional and assessment strategies; and develop an action plan outlining goals and objectives for the ensuing school year.

Summary of Qualifications for a Distinguished Educator for a District: The qualifications for a Distinguished Educator appointed to a district, include, but are not limited to: a minimum of 10 years successful experience in education; at least five years successful experience in turning around low performing districts and sustaining the improved academic achievement of all at risk groups, or dramatically raising the achievement of high needs students in moderate to high performing districts; or alternate qualifications deemed acceptable by the Commissioner; NYS certification as a School District Administrator or a School District Leader or a substantially equivalent certification, as determined by the Commissioner issued by a jurisdiction outside the State, or an advanced degree and a minimum of five years working in low performing districts or raising the achievement of high needs students in moderate to high performing districts.

Summary of Qualifications for a Distinguished Educator for a School: The qualifications for a Distinguished Educator assigned to a school within the district he or she has been appointed to include, but are not limited to: a minimum of 10 years successful experience in education, at least five years of successful experience in increasing student academic performance in low performing schools or dramatically raising the achievement of high needs students in moderate to high performing districts or alternate qualifications deemed acceptable by the Commissioner, NYS certification as a School Administrator and Supervisor or School Building Leader, or Teacher, or a substantially equivalent certification, as determined by the Commissioner, issued by a jurisdiction outside the State, or an advanced degree and a minimum of five years working in low performing districts and demonstrated knowledge of curriculum development and ability to align curriculum with Next Generation Standards, Performance Indicators and NYS Assessments.

Please see the [Distinguished Educator Program](#) website for the application, further eligibility requirements and additional information.