

2026 - 2027 Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Timeline

Friday, February 13, 2026	District liaisons email the name of their Teacher of the Year (TOY) to the CCCOE Communications office. communications@cccoe.k12.ca.us . The county application will be emailed to the liaison and the TOY.
March – May 2026	The Superintendent of Schools classroom visits. The Communications office will work with the TOYs to schedule the visits. (This is not a part of the selection process)
Thursday, March 5, 2026 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	TOY Headshots & Voice Recordings. Each TOY will sign up for a 5-minute timeslot. A link to the sign-up will be sent to each TOY two weeks prior.
Thursday, March 5, 2026 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm CCCOE Board Room	TOY Welcome Reception. All TOYs must attend. District TOYs will be introduced and briefed on the application and selection process. Administration, family, and friends are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.
Monday, March 16, 2026	Completed County TOY applications are due. The completed application to be emailed in PDF format to communications@cccoe.k12.ca.us by 5:00 pm.
Thursday, March 19, 2026	Application screening begins. The TOY selection committee will review and score each eligible application. The top four applicants will be named as finalists.
TBA	Four Contra Costa County TOY Finalists are announced.
May 2026	Finalist's Classroom Evaluations & Interviews. The selection committee will have three members visit the classrooms of the four finalists to interview and evaluate the candidates. *Communications will work with each finalist to schedule a date and time.
Thursday, June 18, 2026 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm CCCOE Communication office	Finalist's record brief video. The video will be submitted as part of the application to the state. Communications will work with the finalists to arrange a time.
Thursday, June 18, 2026 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm CCCOE Board Room	Finalist Speeches & Reception. Each finalist will give a brief speech, which is evaluated by the selection committee. This is the final phase of the selection process.
Wednesday, July 1, 2026	State TOY applications due by email to the Communications office by 5:00 pm.
Wednesday, July 8, 2026	The finalist's applications are sent to the state.
Thursday, September 17, 2026 Hilton Hotel, Concord, CA 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Celebration. The two County Teachers of the Year are announced. Teachers of the Year will need to arrive at 3:00 pm for group photos. VIP reception is from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Registration for guests from 5:00 – 6:00. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm
October 2026	The California TOY finalists are announced.