

## 2026 - 2027 Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Timeline

Friday, February 13, 2026	<b>District liaisons email the name of their Teacher of the Year (TOY) to the CCCOE Communications office.</b> <a href="mailto:communications@cccoe.k12.ca.us">communications@cccoe.k12.ca.us</a> . The county application will be emailed to the liaison and the TOY.
March – May 2026	<b>The Superintendent of Schools classroom visits.</b> 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	<b>TOY Headshots &amp; Voice Recordings. Each TOY will sign up for a 5-minute timeslot.</b> 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	<b>TOY Welcome Reception. All TOYs must attend.</b> 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	<b>Completed County TOY applications are due.</b> The completed application to be emailed in PDF format to <a href="mailto:communications@cccoe.k12.ca.us">communications@cccoe.k12.ca.us</a> by 5:00 pm.
Thursday, March 19, 2026	<b>Application screening begins.</b> The TOY selection committee will review and score each eligible application. The top four applicants will be named as finalists.
TBA	<b>Four Contra Costa County TOY Finalists are announced.</b>
May 2026	<b>Finalist's Classroom Evaluations &amp; Interviews.</b> 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	<b>Finalist's record brief video.</b> 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 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm CCCOE Board Room	<b>Finalist Speeches &amp; Reception.</b> 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	<b>State TOY applications due by email to the Communications office by 5:00 pm.</b>
Wednesday, July 8, 2026	<b>The finalist's applications are sent to the state.</b>
Thursday, September 17, 2026 Hilton Hotel, Concord, CA 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<b>Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Celebration. The two County Teachers of the Year are announced.</b> 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	<b>The California TOY finalists are announced.</b>