

## 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. <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.
February through May, 2026	<b>The Superintendent of Schools classroom visits.</b> The Communications office will work with the TOY's to schedule the visits. (This is not a part of the selection process.)
Tuesday, February 24, 2026	<b>The state TOY application is posted on their website.</b>
Thursday, March 5, 2026 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>TOY Headshots &amp; Voice Recordings.</b> Each TOY will sign up for a 5-minute timeslot. A link to the sign up's 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> TOYs will be briefed on the county application and selection process Administration, family, and friends are welcome to attend. Snacks will be provided.
Monday, March 16, 2026	<b>Completed County TOY applications 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>Applications screening begins.</b> The TOY selection committee will review and score each eligible application. The top four scoring applicants will be named as finalists.
TBA	<b>Four Contra Costa County TOY Finalists are announced.</b>
May, 2026	<b>Finalists Classroom Evaluations/Interviews.</b> The TOY selection committee visits the classrooms of the four finalists to interview and evaluate the candidates. *Communications will work with the TOY finalists to schedule a date and time.
Tuesday, June 18, 2026 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Finalist's record brief video.</b> This will be submitted with the application to the state. Communications will work with TOY's to arrange a time.
Tuesday, June 18, 2026 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<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 to be emailed to the Communications office by 5:00 pm by each finalist.</b> The Communications office will review the applications and may recommend edits to the applications over the following week.
Wednesday, July 8, 2026	<b>The Communications office submits the finalists applications to the state.</b>
Monday, July 20 - Wednesday, July 22	<b>The State selection committee reviews the applications</b>
September, 2026 Date and location TBA	<b>Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Celebration. The two County Teachers of the Year are announced.</b>
August - September 2026	<b>The state selection committee conducts site visits.</b>
October, 2026	<b>The California TOY finalists are announced</b>