



Society of Health and Physical Educators - Michigan

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Dance Teacher of the Year Criteria

- Employed full time with 50% of time devoted to dance (aerobic dance is not included).
- Current member of SHAPE Michigan
- Taught dance for a minimum of three years
- Teaches creatively and utilizing various methodologies
- Presents a balance and sequential curriculum based on the developmental, social, and physiological needs of the students
- Emphasizes the significance of dance as an integral cultural component that enables students to understand their own cultural heritage as well as that of others.
- Promotes an understanding of dance as a creative art through the discussion of aesthetics of students' work own works and/or works of others.
- Encourages an appreciation of dance as a performing art through viewing live and/or filmed works by professional dance companies.
- Provides opportunities for students to share their creative work through appropriate audiences.
- Serves as a role model for students
- Shows professional commitment through membership and active participation in local, state, and/or national dance organizations.

The winners of this award will have their nominations sent to SHAPE America Midwest District. Criteria for the state award do align with the criteria from SHAPE America Midwest District and SHAPE America. Candidates must be current members of SHAPE-America to be considered for District or National awards.