

##### Commissioner’s Teacher Cabinet Application

 Due: **Tuesday, January 31, 2023, by 11:59 pm**

**Note:** The following version of the application is intended as a reference document for instructions and application planning purposes.

**Applications for the Commissioner’s Teacher Cabinet must be submitted through the** [online application form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2bdf5c585b2e4dd592919a43d62a290d)**.**

# Introduction

The Commissioner’s Teacher Cabinet (CTC) is a group of practicing teachers from around the state that meets on a regular basis with the Colorado Education Commissioner. We are now ready to fill 8-10 alternating seats on the CTC with this application cycle.

The goal of the CTC is threefold:

* To provide a formal opportunity for practicing teachers to ensure policy makers and legislators understand the implications of education policy;
* To provide suggestions and recommendations for the effective implementation of education policy; and
* To make policy decisions transparent to teachers. The overarching goal is to bridge the gap between policy and practice.

In addition:

* The CTC provides feedback and suggestions to the Commissioner of Education and the Colorado Department of Education on education policy and its implementation. This partnership gives the Commissioner and policy makers a teacher’s insight to the classroom impact of education policies.
* The CTC members are practicing teachers who interact with students on a daily basis and are impacted by state education policy. They are recognized by their peers and districts as exemplary teaches who have shown strong leadership qualities in the communities
* CTC members are responsible for gathering feedback from their school communities to share, and to provide clarity of, policy initiatives to their local communities.
* As long as the cabinet exists, the term for members is two years with alternating two-year terms to ensure there are experienced members each year. Members represent diverse geographic areas, grades levels and content areas as well as diverse communities.
* The CTC is looking to have a diverse representation across the state and will make selections that enhance geographic representation.
* The CTC meets at least 4 times per year – in person and virtual options to meet are available.
* While no compensation or substitute reimbursement is available to members, as budget allows, CDE makes every effort to reimburse for travel and food costs associated with the in-person Commissioner meetings.
* Cabinet members receive professional development credit and a certificate and award for being selected to serve on the Commissioner’s Cabinet.
* Cabinet members are often offered other opportunities across the state to serve in feedback and advisory roles.

# Requirements for Applicants

* 3+ years’ experience in the classroom;
* Identified as proficient (at a minimum) teacher;
* Application narrative;
* Application signatures;
* One-page letter explaining why you want to serve on the cabinet and why you would be a good fit;
* Résumé; and
* Two letters of recommendation - one from a direct supervisor and another from a peer demonstrating that the teacher is an accomplished teacher and has recognized leadership abilities.

Note:

* An applicant interview may be conducted (virtual); and
* The applicant’s superintendent or school leader may be contacted.

# Timeline and Review Process

Applications and interviews will be reviewed by a diverse group of reviewers from the educational community. Applications will be scored based on overall strength as well as for coverage of geographic areas and variety of grade levels and content areas. The Commissioner will make final selection decisions.

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| **Tuesday, January 31, 2023** | Applications Due |
| **Jan. 12 – Feb. 9, 2023** | Applications will be reviewed, and interviews conducted (if needed) |
| **Friday, February 17, 2023** | Applicants will be notified regarding the status of their application |
| **March 2023** | First meeting of the Commissioner’s Teacher Cabinet with new members |

# Submission Process

Applications must be submitted using the [online application form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2bdf5c585b2e4dd592919a43d62a290d). The form does not save works in progress so applicants may wish to complete their information in this document and copy responses into the online application. Please ensure all required uploads are completed and ready to be attached when you begin the online form.

A completed application must include:

* Application narrative responses (see below).
* A one-page letter explaining why you want to serve on the cabinet and why you would be a good fit.
* Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a direct supervisor and one from a peer/colleague.
* A current résumé.
* Application Signatures form with approval from principal and superintendent.

Incomplete applications, or application narrative responses that exceed the 500-word maximum, will not be included for review.

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| Submit completed applications through the [online application form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2bdf5c585b2e4dd592919a43d62a290d)by **Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 11:59 pm** |

For questions or additional information, please contact:

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**Submit all application materials through the** [**online application**](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2bdf5c585b2e4dd592919a43d62a290d) **form.**

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| **Applicant Information** |
| **Name of Recommended Educator:** |  |
| **Grade(s) currently teaching:** |  |
| **Area(s) of Expertise (check all that apply):** |
| [ ]  Reading/English/Language Arts | [ ]  Science  | [ ]  Mathematics  | [ ]  Social Studies  |
| [ ]  Fine Arts  | [ ]  Foreign Language  | [ ]  G/T | [ ]  ESL  |
| [ ]  SPED | [ ]  ELE | [ ]  Library Media | [ ]  Charter School |
| [ ]  If CTE (please specify area): |  | [ ]  Other (please specify): |  |
| **Indicate Ethnicity:** |
| [ ]  White [ ]  Black or African American [ ]  Asian [ ]  Hispanic or Latino[ ]  Native American Indian or Alaskan Native [ ]  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| [ ]  Other (please specify): |  |
| Indicate region of Colorado in which you teach:£ Metro £ Pikes Peak £ North Central £ Northwest £ West Central£ Southwest £ Southeast £ Northeast |
| **School Location:**  |  [ ]  Small Rural [ ]  Rural [ ]  Suburban [ ]  Urban |
| **Total years in education:** |  |
| **Will you be at the same school site next year (2022-2023)?** | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| **School and District Information** |
| **District Name:** |  |
| **School Name:** |  |
| **School Address:** |  | **Telephone:** |  |
| **Supervisor Information** |
| **Name:** |  | **Title:** |  |
| **E-mail:** |  | **Telephone:** |  |
| **Education Information** *Additional rows may be added to help with planning of your responses.*  |
| **School** | **Degree** | **Year of Graduation** |
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| **References Information**Please list the names and phone numbers of three references that can verify your leadership qualities, work with education policy and success within the community. They may be contacted for a short interview. *Additional rows may be added to help with planning of your responses.* |
| **Name** | **Title** | **Phone (Work)** | **E-mail** |
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| **Submitter Information** |
| **Your Name** | **Title** | **Phone (Work)** | **Phone (Personal)** | **E-mail** |
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# Narrative Responses

The template below may be used to plan your responses before submitting at the link above. Rate yourself from 1-10 (10 being highest) on the following four criteria and provide a paragraph for each rating (max 500 words for each response) to explain your rating. Be detailed and thorough and use examples whenever possible.

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| **Select Rating** | 1. **Exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school.**
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| **Select Rating** | 1. **Exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession.**
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| **Select Rating** | 1. **Strong leadership and policy engagement.**
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| **Select Rating** | 1. **Engagement that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community.**
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| **Select Rating** | 1. **Solution oriented and problem solver. Provide an example of a time when you disagreed but worked to find common group and a productive path forward**
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| **Other information you wish to share (no more than 500 words):**  |
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# Additional Documentation

**The following documents must be uploaded in your application**:

* One-page letter explaining why you want to serve on the cabinet and why you would be a good fit.
* Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a direct supervisor and one from a peer/colleague.
* A current résumé.
* Signatures of approval from principal and superintendent.

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# Application Signatures Form

| **APPLICANT SIGNATURE** |
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| **I hereby submit my application for the Commissioner’s Teacher Cabinet. I acknowledge that that all information in this application is correct. If selected to serve on the CTC, I will be asked to attend at least four meetings per year during the two-year term.**  |
| Signature of Applicant |  |  | Date |  |

| **SCHOOL/BUILDING PRINCIPAL** |
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| **I acknowledge that the applicant submits this application with my approval. If the applicant is selected to serve on the Commissioner’s Teacher Cabinet, they will be asked to attend at least four meetings per year during the two-year term.** |
| Signature of School Principal |  |  | Date |  |

| **SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT** |
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| **I acknowledge that the applicant submits this application with my approval. If the applicant is selected to serve on the Commissioner’s Teacher Cabinet, they will be asked to attend at least four meetings per year during the two-year term.** |
| Signature of Superintendent |  |  | Date |  |

**\*\*Upload completed signature form within the** [**online application**](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2bdf5c585b2e4dd592919a43d62a290d)**\*\***

# Submission Checklist

Please use only as a reference, do not include with the application.

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| **Does the application packet include:** |
| 1. Thoroughly answered narrative questions and ratings submitted through the online application?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. A one-page letter explaining why you would like to serve on the CTC and why you would be a good fit?
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| 1. Three references that we can call and interview if needed?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. Two letters of recommendation (direct supervisor and peer)?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. A current résumé?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1. Principal and superintendent signatures?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |

**In order to provide all recommendations with an equal opportunity, only responses that fit within the 500-word maximum will be accepted for review.**

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