

OASSA 2026 Principal of the Year

PURPOSE

To publicly recognize the outstanding leadership of principals in Oregon and to honor them at the national level with NASSP as well.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Must have served as a principal at one or more middle level or high schools for *three* or more consecutive school years.
2. Must be a member of COSA/OASSA. If selected as Oregon's winner, a membership in NASSP will also be required.
3. Exhibit personal excellence. Model professional growth, communicates effectively, and interacts with others professionally and tactfully.
4. Demonstrate collaborative leadership. Involve teachers, staff members, parents, students and the community in creating and fostering a shared vision for the school.
5. Ensures a high level of curriculum, instruction and assessment.
6. Establishes and maintains a school environment that reflects high expectations for students and staff. Creates a school climate that is warm, inviting, safe and secure.

GENERAL PROCEDURE

1. Nomination materials will be sent to all COSA members.
2. Nominators will contact nominees to obtain information required if necessary.
3. The OASSA Executive Committee will act as the selection committee by judging the materials and by personal contact with the home districts of the nominees, if desired.
4. The finalist will be recognized at the COSA Annual Conference in June.

TIMELINE

1. Nominations open October 16, 2025.
2. Nomination form submitted by 11:59 pm on November 11, 2025.
3. The nominees will be notified mid-November.
4. Oregon Principal of the Year will be notified late November.
5. National NASSP application due December 15, 2025.