

Date November 7, 1969

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

David W. McCalley
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Candidate in the Area of:
(Check Only One)

Biology _____
Chemistry _____
Physics _____
Earth Science _____
Mathematics X

Recommendation Form

This form should be completed only by a person in the education profession qualified to judge the teaching effectiveness of the candidate or, if not in the education profession, by a person uniquely qualified to know of the teaching effectiveness of the candidate. Two such recommendations must be mailed to the State Director.

Statements by the recommending person must be specific. Give specific examples to support general statements like, "has good work habits," or "is an excellent teacher," etc. Unless you give specific examples, you penalize the candidate.

Name of candidate Mr. Douglas Dunsmoor

School in which candidate teaches North Junior High School, Fort Dodge Community Schools

Address of school 1015 5th Avenue North, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

1. Teaching Ability: What techniques does this teacher employ? Is his course comprehensive yet enjoyed by students? Does he enjoy teaching?

Mr. Dunsmoor is an enthusiastic teacher who motivates students to want to learn. He places high expectations on his students, and they enjoy working with and for him. Because of inspiration from Mr. Dunsmoor many students have continued their mathematical training in college towards a math major.

2. Cooperativeness: How does the teacher cooperate in the school program or other academic areas? Cooperative in community affairs?

Mr. Dunsmoor is a dedicated teacher who provides a wholesome atmosphere in and about the schools. He is an outstanding assistant in any phase of the school program. He volunteers his services to assist boys and girls and always has the welfare of these youngsters in mind during his direction. He has been an outstanding leader, giving of his services to the Fort Dodge Education Association. He has always been helpful in aiding and assisting whenever there is a need in the Fort Dodge Schools.

3. Inventiveness: What new ideas does he use, or has he produced, in teaching? What new devices?

Mr. Dunsmoor is not vocal about his inventiveness. This year he has made a series of slides to show the division of a polynomial by a binomial.

4. Initiative: Be specific. Has failure stopped him? Does he adapt his methods to new situations?

He is creative, innovative, open minded, and anxious to try new techniques. He is a teacher who allows for individual differences and fits his teaching program to each individual student, taking them from where they are and developing them to their fullest capacity.

5. Principal Strength of Candidate:

Perhaps the greatest strength of this candidate is that he has compassion for boys and girls; he is firm, but always fair. And because of his many fine attributes, he has the respect of all the students.

6. Principal Weakness of Candidate:

I do not know of any weaknesses in this candidate.

7. Other Important Information:

Mr. Dunsmoor serves as Athletic Coordinator for North Junior High School, and until last year served as wrestling coach. Because of his added responsibilities he decided to withdraw from that assignment this school year. He is a member of the Credit Union Board, the Fort Dodge Education Association, and the Izaak Walton League.

Name of recommending person Earl O. Berge
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