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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

David V. McCalley
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Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Candidate in the Area of:
(Check Only One)

Biology _____
Chemistry _____
Physics _____
Earth Science _____
Mathematics

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

Knox, Gary

School in which candidate teaches

Newton Senior High School

Address of school

E. 4th Street S., Newton, Iowa

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

Mr. Knox is truly a dedicated teacher, always looking for new ways of doing things, trying them, and then evaluating the results. He is never satisfied with his procedures and is always seeking new and better methods.

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

Mr. Knox is most cooperative with the administration — always requesting suggestions for change. He serves on the faculty cabinet representing the Math Department. His suggestions are well accepted by other faculty members. Mr. Knox is also active in school activities.

3. Inventiveness: What new ideas does he use, or has he produced, in teaching? What new devices? Mr. Knox has, for the past couple of years individualized his instructional program. He allows students to work in groups or individually at their own pace. Mr. Knox serves as the resource person.
4. Initiative: Be specific. Has failure stopped him? Does he adapt his methods to new situations? Mr. Knox has been disappointed on several occasions with the progress students have made in several situations. He usually talks with me about these, does some re-evaluation and goes ahead again.
5. Principal Strength of Candidate: His sincere interest in making the math program as relevant to the education of students as possible — always searching for ways to do this.
6. Principal Weakness of Candidate: His concern that things aren't happening as he would like them to.
7. Other Important Information:

Name of recommending person

Address

Donald Van Lange
Newton High School
Newton, Iowa

Official position

Principal