

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

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Candidate in the Area of:
(Check Only One)

Biology	_____
Chemistry	_____
Physics	_____
Earth Science	_____
Mathematics	<u> X </u>

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 Charles S. Kolsrud

School in which candidate teaches Ackley-Geneva Community

Address of school Ackley, Iowa 50601

1. Teaching Ability: What techniques does this teacher employ? Is his course comprehensive yet enjoyed by students? Does he enjoy teaching? Mr. Kolsrud is constantly trying to find ways of improving himself and his teaching techniques. He asked for and uses calculators to break monotony and provide interest for both high and low ability students, he spends hours rewriting units for low ability students, and makes good use of the over head projector and program texts.

2. Cooperativeness: How does the teacher cooperate in the school program or other academic areas? Cooperative in community affairs? Mr. Kolsrud is one fine individual in this area, he is President of our Local Teachers Association, and spends many hours attending meetings on his own time. He constantly volunteers his time for extra curricular activities at no extra compensation, and is ready and willing to take constructive suggestions. He is a most cooperative staff member.

however, are better prepared for college than their counterparts.

3. Inventiveness: What new ideas does he use, or has produced, in teaching? What new devices? Mr. Kolsrud is constantly looking for new ideas that will help his students. Several years ago, he asked to teach the Illinois Math Series to his superior students, and then asked if he could study a summer under the Series Suthor. There wasn't another school system in the State of Iowa using the Series at that time., as the texts contents are very difficult and requires a great deal of time to prepare each presentation. His students taking the course
4. Initiative: Be specific. Has failure stopped him? Does he adapt his methods to new situations? When first introducing the Illinois Math Series, Mr. Kolsrud discovered that although his students were of superior ability, they were having difficulty understanding the contents and terminology of the text. Upon evaluation and discovering the difficulty, he proceeded to solve the problem, by rewriting each unit into more understandable terms.
5. Principal Strength of Candidate:
 1. His Sincere interest in helping young people to learn and like mathmetics.
 2. His enthusiam for mathematics
 3. His constant drive to improve himself and his teaching techniques.
 4. His unlimited energy
 5. His dedication to the teaching profession
6. Principal Weakness of Candidate:
 1. His constant worry that he is not reaching and making every student like mathmetics.
7. Other Important Information:

Mr. Kolsrud has a beautiful intellegent wife that understands his great desires and goals for the teaching profession. She constantly encourages him and is willing to sacrifice in that he might reach these goals. He also has two very fine children. He is a good Christian, and does a great deal for his church and his God.

Name of recommending person  Bernard J. Pelleymounter

Address Ackley, Iowa 50601 Official position Superintendent