It shall be the policy of the Idaho Association of Elementary School Principals (IAESP) to participate in the National Distinguished Principals (NDP) program sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). Participation in the program shall be in effect as long as the NAESP continues to sponsor the program and the program continues to allow IAESP to select Idaho’s representative. The recipient of the IAESP NDP Award will represent the state of Idaho in NAESP’s NDP program.

1. Award nomination and application submission timeframes shall be established by IASA staff in consideration of NAESP timeframes, IAESP Executive Board meetings, and IASA Annual Conference dates.

2. Award nomination shall be limited to practicing Idaho principals in elementary or middle schools who meet the following criteria:
   a. The nominee must be an active K-8 principal in Idaho for 5 years or more,
   b. The nominee must be a current member of IAESP/NAESP, and
   c. The nominee must be a member of IAESP/NAESP for 3 years, and
   d. The nominee must be a member of IAESP/NAESP during the year in which the award is received.

3. No current board member of IAESP or NAESP is eligible for nomination for the NDP Award.

4. Nominations for the award shall be on a form supplied by IAESP. Any person or group interested in elementary or middle level education and/or administration in Idaho may submit a nomination.

5. IASA staff will notify the nominee who meets the award selection criteria of their nomination and the selection process, and staff will provide the nominee with the NAESP NDP application for completion.

6. If there are more than three applications for the award, the NDP applications shall be reviewed and ranked by the IAESP Executive Board members and a previous NDP recipient. If a previous NDP recipient is not a member of the Executive Board at the time of the review, a Board member will recruit a previous NDP award recipient to help review and rank the applications. IASA staff shall tally the rankings, submit the rankings to the IAESP President for review, and notify the top three finalists of an interview date to be held in conjunction with the next meeting of the IAESP Executive Board. Upon completion of the interviews, the Executive Board shall announce the recipient of the award.

7. The award recipient shall be recognized at the Association's next annual conference and presented with an appropriate commemorative item. The Association will also provide up to $1,500 in expense reimbursement for travel to the National Distinguished Principals program, per the IASA Travel Policy and subject to IAESP budgetary constraints.

Adopted by Executive Board - October 1984
Amended - October 1985
The National Distinguished Principals (NDP) program was established in 1984 by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) to honor exemplary elementary and middle-level principals who set the pace, character, and quality of the education children receive during their early school years. Being recognized as an NDP is not only a prestigious accomplishment; it is the highest praise a principal can receive from his or her peers in the profession. The honor is bestowed upon an elementary or middle level principal from each state.

The Idaho NDP Award will be presented to the Idaho elementary or middle level principal who holds K-8 certification and who best meets the criteria established by NAESP/IAESP. The nominee must be an active K-8 principal in Idaho for 5 years or more, a current member of IAESP/NAESP, and a member of IAESP/NAESP during the year in which the award is received.

The nomination deadline is March 22, 2021.

NAESP NDP applications will be provided to nominees who meet the nomination criteria.

NOMINEE NAME: _______________________________________________ Phone: ___________________

Nominee Email: __________________________________________________________________________

School District Name/Number: _______________________________________________________________

School Name: _________________________________________ Years of Experience as a K-8 Principal: ____

School Address: _______________________________________ City: ____________________ Zip: _______

Nominator Name: _______________________________________________ Phone: ___________________

Nominator Email: __________________________________________________________________________

Nominator Address: _________________________________________ City: ________________ Zip: _______

Relationship to Nominee: __________________________________________________________________

Complete and return this form to the IASA by March 22, 2021.

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