

2021 Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program Timeline

May 1, 2020	Letter from the Commissioner is delivered to Superintendents of Schools and 2020 Cohort of District Teachers of the Year to open the 2021 program.
May 2020	The 2021 Selection Committee is recruited as application readers, Semifinalist interviewers, and school visit panelists.
Spring/Summer 2020	District Teachers of the Year prepare their online application and/or register for inclusion in the recognition ceremony only.
August 2, 2020	Applications are submitted to the Connecticut State Department of Education by 11:59 p.m.
August 5 – August 21, 2020	Selection Committee application readers review and score applications.
Week of September 7, 2020	Semi-finalist interviews will be held virtually over a multi-day period in the late afternoon, with assigned time slots per candidate.
Week of September 14, 2020	Semifinalists are notified if selected as a Finalist. Finalists are provided with school visit dates and procedures.
Week of September 21, 2020	Finalist round will be held virtually over a multi-day period in the late afternoon.
Week of October 12, 2020	Commissioner announces the 2021 Connecticut Teacher of the Year during a press conference at the teacher's school.
October 30, 2020	National Teacher of the Year application is due to CCSSO National Teacher of the Year office, Washington, DC.
Spring 2021 (date TBD)	Recognition event at The Bushnell to honor each district Teacher of the Year, Semifinalists, Finalists, and the 2021 Connecticut Teacher of the Year.
November 2020 – December 2021	2021 Connecticut Teacher of the Year, Finalists, and Semifinalists make public appearances.