

2026 Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program Timeline

April 2025	Letter from the Commissioner is delivered to Superintendents of Schools to open the 2026 program
May 1, 2025	Online application portal opens for district Teachers of the Year to submit required information/application portfolio
May 14, 2025	Connecticut Teacher of the Year Selection Information Webinar for district superintendents/coordinators
Spring/Summer 2025	District Teachers of the Year prepare their online application and/or register for inclusion in the recognition ceremony
Friday, August 1, 2025	Application submitted via online portal by 11:59 p.m.
August 4–August 21, 2025	Selection Committee reviews all completed and submitted application portfolios
Late August/early September, 2025	All Semifinalists are notified; Semifinalist interviews are scheduled
September 18–19, 2025	Semifinalist interviews held at the Legislative Office Building
Week of September 22, 2025	All semifinalists are notified if selected as a Finalist; Finalists are provided with school visit dates and procedures
September 29 and 30, 2025	Site visits take place at Finalists' schools
October TBD, 2025	Commissioner announces the 2026 Connecticut Teacher of the Year during a press conference at the teacher's school
Late October, 2025	National Teacher of the Year application due to CCSSO National Teacher of the Year Office, Washington, D.C.
December 2, 2025	Recognition event at The Bushnell in Hartford, CT to honor each district Teacher of the Year, Semifinalists, Finalists, and the 2026 Connecticut Teacher of the Year