



School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) The Owl Award for Excellence in Public Education

The Board of Education for School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) is seeking nominations for **The Owl Award for Excellence in Public Education**.

The award recognizes individuals, groups or organizations that have distinguished themselves by providing outstanding service to public education in the Kamloops-Thompson region. Please submit nominations to the School Board Office no later than April 20, 2026. Award recipients will be notified and invited to be honoured at a Public Meeting of the Board of Education. Nomination Forms can be downloaded from the school district website at <https://www.sd73.bc.ca/owl-award>.

Eligibility

This is an individual, (i.e., This does not have to be an SD73 employee. It can be someone who has worked closely with SD73), a group or an organization who is/are role models, selfless, and generous and who has/have made significant, system-wide (in addition to and beyond their immediate school community) and outstanding contributions to public education in SD73 over a period of time (five years or more).

The award will recognize outstanding, system-wide (in addition to and beyond their immediate school community) contributions to public education in our school district by an individual, group or organization who are role models, selfless, and generous in the following areas:

- Student Learning/Teaching
- Athletics
- Fine Arts
- Community Well-being/Partnerships
- Extra or Co-Curricular Learning
- Administration and Support
- Governance

Nomination and Selection Process

Please submit a nomination package to the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops BC V2C 3X7, not later than April 20, 2026. The package should contain:

- A completed nomination form;
- Three letters of reference/support, sources other than the nominator and representing a broad range of interests;
- A description (2-page maximum) of how this individual, group or organization has made significant, system-wide and outstanding accumulative contributions to public education in School District No.73 (Kamloops-Thompson) over five years or more, and have made a positive and major impact on the development of students, parents, teachers, support staff and educational leaders across the school district in any of the following areas: Student Learning/Teaching, Athletics, Fine Arts, Community Well-being/Partnerships, Extra or Co-Curricular Learning, Administration and Support, and Governance.

Based on the documentation, a review panel (community members, superintendent, school leader(s), district leader(s), Aboriginal Education Council Member). The panel will review nominations and make a recommendation to the Board of Education for the award recipient for the year.



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NOMINATION FORM

Nominations must be submitted no later than **April 20, 2026**.

NOMINEE'S NAME (Individual, Group or Organization)

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Contact information: Phone _____ Email _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Contact information: Phone _____ Email _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

I or We, _____ have received permission from _____ to nominate him/her, their group or organization for the School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Award for Excellence in Public Education.



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Nomination Format:

All applications must include:

1. This nomination form.
2. Three letters of support/reference other than the nominator and representing a broad range of interests.
3. A description (2 page maximum) of how this individual, group or organization has made significant, system-wide and outstanding accumulative contributions to public education in School District No.73 (Kamloops-Thompson) over five years or more, and have made a positive and major impact on the development of students, parents, teachers, support staff and educational leaders across the school district in any of the following areas: Student Learning/Teaching, Athletics, Fine Arts, Community Well-being/Partnerships, Extra or Co-Curricular Learning, Administration and Support, and Governance.
4. Nominations will not be accepted by family members of nominees.

This form and all supporting documentation must be submitted:

By mail to:

The Superintendent of Schools
Award for Excellence in Public Education Review Team
School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)
1383 - 9th Avenue
Kamloops, BC V2C 3X7

By uploading support documentation on the website at:

<https://forms.sd73.bc.ca/Owl-Award>