



What is the MERIT Award?

MERIT (**M**agnificent **E**mployees **R**ecognized for their **I**nspiration & **T**alent) recognizes and rewards monthly employees that shine in their positions and buildings.

Who may be Nominated?

Any employee who fits the employee classification for their perspective month (see Award Timetable).

Who may Nominate?

Any employee, volunteer, parent, student, administrator, or individual of the Polk County community may nominate an individual for the MERIT Award. Only one nomination per individual is permitted per month.

How do I Nominate?

An individual may submit their nomination using the MERIT Nomination Form located on the Polk School District website. Deadlines to submit nominations are the last day of each month.

How will MERIT Awardees be recognized?

MERIT Award winners will be recognized at the regularly scheduled board meeting (second Tuesday of each month) by the Board of Education, Superintendent, and colleagues. Each MERIT Award winner will receive a gift certificate and his/her picture will be displayed at the Polk School Board of Education and on the Polk School District website.

Who do I contact with questions?

Please contact Dr. Katie Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Learning, with any questions you may have regarding the MERIT Award.