ESC of Lake Erie West Master Teacher Consortium

Do you have what it takes to be considered an Ohio Master Teacher? *Do you need to renew your Master Teacher designation? Do you want to be designated as a "consistently high performing teacher"?*

Do you...

- *Have at least seven years of teaching experience and work at least 120 days as a teacher*
  - **Yes?** Starting on your Master Teacher portfolio now will give you time to add, edit, and reflect carefully on your portfolio contents and written narratives.
- *Want to be designated as a "consistently high performing teacher" which would exempt you from the requirement to complete any additional coursework/professional development for the renewal of a professional educator license for the next renewal cycle.*
  - **Yes?** With the master teacher designation, you are eligible to apply for the senior or lead professional educator license. A senior or lead professional educator license is one way to be considered for the designation of "consistently high performing teacher". (Additional requirements apply to the lead professional educator license and the "high performing teacher" designation.)
- *Participate in the OTES (Ohio Teacher Evaluation System)?*
  - **Yes?** You are part of the way to having a master teacher portfolio for submission and scoring.
- *Want the opportunity for collaborative reflection on aspects of your teaching?*
  - **Yes?** You will have the opportunity to share your experiences and reflect on them.
- *Want to participate in professional development aligned to your teaching practices?*
  - **Yes?** Contact hours are provided for the professional development sessions and also for successful designation as a master teacher by the scoring committee.

The 2026-27 MASTER TEACHER portfolio professional development series begins soon. If you are interested in joining this cohort or just want more information about Master Teacher, email Lisa Grant at lgrant@esclakeeriewest.org by Thursday, October 29, 2026. A Zoom session for information will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 3:45 pm. A Zoom link will be sent upon request to attend.

If you plan on renewing your Master Teacher designation, but do not want to attend the PD series, please email Lisa Grant at lgrant@esclakeeriewest.org by Friday, November 14, 2025 to make sure you receive information about submission criteria and scoring dates.

***Introduction and Overview Session*: Thursday, November 5, 2026; 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm via Zoom.**

There will be an opportunity throughout the school year for feedback on your culminating portfolio with the final portfolio due date in mid-March 2027.

Additional information about "Master Teacher" and Consistently High Performing Teachers is available on the Ohio State Board of Education website at https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-standards-and-programs/master-teacherhttps://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-standards-and-programs/master-teacher

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