



Dear DI Users, Trainers and Advocates,


An important feature of Direct Instruction (DI) is to celebrate success—the success of students, teachers and entire schools. For many years there has been a tradition of recognizing individual and group achievements at the annual National Direct Instruction Conference in Eugene, Oregon. The National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) will continue this tradition at the 50th National DI Conference through the Excellence in Education Awards this summer! An awards ceremony will take place at the National DI Conference in Eugene and the recipients for the following awards will be recognized:

- Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award – This award is named after Siegfried “Zig” Engelmann, co-creator of Direct Instruction, senior author of the DI programs and founder of NIFDI. The recipient of this award can be anyone – a teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, college professor, etc. – who has provided a significant contribution to the field of education and/or student achievement.
- Wes Becker Excellent School Award – This award is named after Wesley Becker, co-creator of Direct Instruction and longtime Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Oregon. This award is given to a school for exemplary implementation of Direct Instruction.
- The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award – This award is named after the father of Doug Carnine, DI co-author and longtime Professor of Education at the University of Oregon. It is given to a student who has demonstrated remarkable academic success with DI. Teachers submit nominations. The winner, selected by Doug and Linda Carnine, will be presented with a plaque and \$1,000. The school that the winner attends will also receive \$1,000.

The following pages contain nomination forms for the awards. An independent committee will review nominations from the field and honor individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational achievement of children. Please take time to think about and nominate a student, colleague and/or school. Perhaps it is someone who worked with a child after a parent had been told the child “has a learning disability” and will never learn to read. Or a classroom teacher whose students have consistently shown notable performance gains. Your nominee may be a principal who stood by what was right and implemented DI successfully. Or a college professor who taught a methods class centered around DI. Or a student that made amazing progress this current school year. There are many more examples out there.

Please take the opportunity to honor a member of the DI “family.” This recognition is such a simple thing but it means so much to the individuals and our profession. The deadline for submission is June 3. I hope to see many nominations!

Sincerely,

  
Kurt Engelmann,



# 2024 Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award Nomination Form

## Procedure:

- 1) Complete both sides of this form. Use extra pages as needed.
- 2) Arrange for at least 3 letters of reference and provide a brief biographical sketch of the nominee.
- 3) Submit copies of all nomination material to [info@nifdi.org](mailto:info@nifdi.org) or mail to:  
*Excellence in Education Awards*  
*PO Box 11248*  
*Eugene, OR 97440*

All materials must be received by June 3.

## Nominee Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Overview Information

Which DI programs is the nominee currently teaching/supervising?

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Which DI programs has the nominee previously taught? \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of students currently teaching \_\_\_\_\_

Type of students previously taught \_\_\_\_\_

## Awards, Citations, or Recognitions

Please list any official recognition of the nominee's contribution to educational performance

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**Rationale**

Please explain why you believe the nominee deserves to receive an Excellence in Education Award. Use extra pages as needed. Summarize available data and attach.

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**Nominator Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Due Date**

Nominations must be received by June 3. Recipients will be notified by June 15. Send your nomination packet "Return Receipt Requested."



# 2024 Wesley Becker Excellent School Award Nomination Form

## Procedure

- 1) Complete both sides of this form. Use extra pages as needed.
- 2) Arrange for at least 3 letters of support of the nominated school.
- 3) Submit copies of all nomination material to info@nifdi.org or mail to:

*Excellence in Education Awards  
PO Box 11248  
Eugene, OR 97440*

All materials must be received by June 3.

## Nominee Information

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Overview Information

How many students in the nominated school are using DI programs? \_\_\_\_\_

How many grade levels in the nominated school are using DI programs? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years has the school been using DI programs? \_\_\_\_\_

## Programs

Please list the DI programs the nominated school uses.

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## Awards, Citations, or Recognitions

Please list any official recognition of the nominee's contribution to educational performance

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**Rationale**

Please explain why you believe the nominated school deserves to receive an Excellent School Award. Please provide any relevant student performance data. Use extra pages as needed.

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**Nominator Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Due Date**

Nominations must be received by June 3. Recipients will be notified by June 15.

Send your nomination packet "Return Receipt Requested."



# The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award

The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award was established by Doug and Linda Carnine as a memorial to Doug's father, Wayne Carnine. Wayne Carnine was a wonderful man who, along with his wife, gave Direct Instruction one of its most valuable assets—Doug. Along with the acknowledgment of a job well done, the student will receive a \$1,000 cash award and the school the winner attends will also receive \$1,000.

“Outstanding improvement” can be either behavioral or academic, or both.

## Procedure

- 1) Complete this form.
- 2) Submit a written statement of the nominee's Outstanding Improvement. Include any letters of support.
- 3) Submit copies of all nomination material to [info@nifdi.org](mailto:info@nifdi.org) or mail to:  
*Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award*  
*PO Box 11248*  
*Eugene, OR 97440*

All materials must be received by June 3.

## Nominee Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Nominator: (teacher, parent, aide) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominator Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Due Date

Nominations must be received by June 3. Recipients will be notified by June 15.

