



# New England League of Middle Schools

## Master in the Middle Award

### 2008–2009

**PURPOSE:** NELMS seeks to honor **teachers** who are devoted to young adolescents, committed to best middle practices, and who have taught for 20 or more years.

#### CRITERIA:

- Passionate about middle level education
- Currently teaching middle level students
- Serves as an educational leader
- Advocates for the middle level community
- Provides formal/informal mentoring to colleagues
- Models effective middle level instructional practices, such as:
  - Incorporating activity-based learning
  - Developing a sense of student ownership in their learning
  - Integrating higher order thinking
  - Fostering curriculum connections
  - Using a variety of assessment tools
  - Building relationships with students and families

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** The Nominator must collect the following, and send all materials in one packet to: NELMS, 460 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983. **The packet must be received by 4:30pm on October 3, 2008.**

- The **nominator** must address in writing how the **nominee** meets the six (6) criteria stated above, in 1,500 words or less, (250 words per criteria).
- The **nominator** must collect one letter of support, of not more than five hundred (500) words, from each of the following:
  - A parent or community member associated with the **nominee's** current career
  - A former or current student from the **nominee**
  - A professional colleague of the **nominee**
- The **nominee** must write about an experience that exemplifies their contribution to middle level education. This submission must be in 500 words or less, that is typed and double-spaced.

**RECOGNITION:** Those that receive an award will be recognized at the NELMS Annual Conference, receive a one-day registration to the annual conference, be given a one-year individual membership, and will be recognized in *Mid Lines*, the NELMS newspaper.

Person Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (school) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_