



# Tennessee School Boards Association

Descriptor Term:

## School of the Year Award for Excellence in Architectural Design

Descriptor Code:

**6040**

Revised:

**11/13/11**

Rescinds:

**6040**

Previous Issued/  
Revised Date:

**09/25/09**

The policy for granting the Award for Excellence in Architectural Design shall be as follows:

1. Nominations shall be made by the school's architect(s) through the Board of Education, which shall be a member of TSBA.
2. Nominations shall be limited to those buildings which are first occupied before November 1 of the current year and after November 1 three (3) years prior to November 1 of the current year.
3. Nominations shall be made on the official entry form provided by TSBA.
4. Completed nomination/entry forms shall be accompanied by an entry fee which shall be determined annually by the Executive Director. (Architectural firms having membership in the TSBA Business Affiliate Program shall receive a ten percent (10%) entry fee discount.)
5. Completed nomination/entry forms, shall be submitted at least forty-five (45) days prior to the TSBA Annual Convention.
6. The president of TSBA shall appoint a panel of judges to consider nominations and to make the final selection for each category of the award with the exception of the People's Choice Award. The panel of judges shall consist of three (3) to five (5) persons for each category.
7. The judges shall not be compelled to grant an award in each category annually.
8. School of the Year Awards shall be granted in five (5) categories:

### **NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION** (3 categories)

- a. Elementary division
- b. Middle School/Junior High division
- c. High School division

### **RENOVATION AND REMODELING** (1 category)

### **PEOPLE'S CHOICE** (1 category)

9. Categories shall be defined as follows:
  - a. New school construction shall mean 100% new constructions or major portion thereof. When containing less than 100% new construction, the existing portion shall be considered by the same standards as the new.
  - b. Elementary division shall contain any combination of grades K-8, but must have at least one grade in K-3.
  - c. Middle school/Junior high division shall contain any combination of grades 5-9.
  - d. High school division shall contain grades 9-12 or any combination thereof.

- e. Renovation and remodeling may contain additional spaces, rehabilitation, updating, recycling, restoring, energy-saving measures, new uses or repairing but a significant portion must involve major renovation or major remodeling.
- f. School board members registered and attending TSBA's annual convention will be asked to choose the building which is the most impressive from the entrants in all categories for the People's Choice Award.

The judges shall make the final determination as to the appropriate category of each entry.

10. The judges shall give prime consideration to the architectural solution of the stated Educational Program Requirements/Specifications for all entries according to the following criteria:

- a. Cost efficiency
- b. Functional adequacy to include size, shape and treatment of spaces as well as special relationships
- c. Aesthetics
- d. Grouping of instructional areas/space relationships
- e. Energy conscious design
- f. Flexibility – expandability
- g. Community use
- h. Environmental treatment, such as lighting, thermal and acoustical
- i. Safety
- j. Size and development of site
- k. Adaptation of building to site
- l. Presentation of materials

11. Material presented shall include the following items:

- a. Education Program Requirements/Specifications – a simple and straightforward description of the essential elements of the educational program the plant is designed to serve;
- b. As-built plans: complete site plan, floor plan or plans and one or more cross sections sufficient to explain solution;
- c. Pictures (color photographs preferred; before and after for renovated or remodeled building);
  - (1) Exterior photographs exposing all principal elevations of a single building or in case of a group of buildings sufficient photographs to show main buildings; and
  - (2) Interior photographs.
- d. Descriptive data:
  - (1) Data sheet containing the following:
    - (a) Type of school and grades housed
    - (b) Size of site
    - (c) Capacity of building (students)
    - (d) Architectural area of building
    - (e) Space per student

- (f) Type of construction, materials and mechanical systems
- (g) Total cost of construction, to include building cost site preparation and development, fixed furniture and equipment and food service equipment
- (h) Cost per square foot, to include building cost site preparation and development, fixed furniture and equipment and food service equipment
- (i) Cost of landscaping
- (j) Cost of treatment plant (if applicable)
- (k) Age of building (for renovated or remodeled)

(2) Special or unusual site problems

e. Identification data should include the following:

- (1) Name of architect
- (2) Name and location of project
- (3) Name of owner (school district)
- (4) Name of general contractor
- (5) Name of educational planner

12. Display requirements are as follows:

- a. Each entry shall be shown on no more than two (2) display panels each measuring 40" X 40"
- b. Architects are responsible for all transportation and shipping costs

13. Plaques shall be awarded to the following winners in each category and presented at the TSBA Annual Convention:

- a. Architect
- b. School Board