

Dear LaFayette Students and Staff:

Congratulations to Ms. Maria Edwards, English Teacher and Instructional Specialist at LaFayette Jr/Sr High School, for being selected as the September 2021 Legend of Learning!



The individuals who nominated Maria shared the following:

Maria has been a teacher here since 2012. She has always been helpful in class. Examples include: showing us how work can be improved and has helped us strive in the real world. She juggles NHS and yearbook, along with teaching 7th and 12th grade English. Mrs. Edwards is a great teacher for school but also helps us grow and prosper in the real world.

Mrs Edwards has put her students first in many cases but I will list the top 2 that come to my head first. She is always there to read your paper even if you're not her student. For example, there was an occasion when I needed my paper proofread. I emailed her the paper and she read it and made corrections within 24 hours! The next example I would like to bring up is her always being there even outside of school she cares about her students mental and physical health. Mrs Edwards is also very empathetic; she tries to understand where we as students are coming from. When we walk into her room we know that if we need help she is going to help us. When she gives instructions and we don't understand she will not just repeat it and expect that we get it. Ms. Edwards makes sure that expectations are clear to all learners This is why I am nominating Maria Edwards for the Legend Of Learning

Maria is one of the most dedicated, hardworking teachers around. There aren't enough things that I could say that would properly highlight everything that she does for the students. The amount of time and effort that she puts into everything she does for LaFayette is amazing and is always done with the students' best interest in mind. She works tirelessly to give her students immediate and valuable feedback that helps to better themselves academically. She goes above and beyond to develop lessons that are engaging, relevant, and interesting. She created an innovative competition among the 7th graders to make preparations for the ELA state exam fun and exciting! She is also very involved in many other aspects of the school such as being the advisor for the yearbook, the junior class, and the National Honor Society. Maria is a huge asset to our school and our students are lucky to have her!

Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence!

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- Go above and beyond
- Demonstrate that they put our students first
- Support student learning
- Treat students and others with dignity, respect, and compassion
- Embrace creativity and innovation

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