

## 2017 Nevada Teacher of the Year



### 2017 Nevada Teacher of the Year – WINNER

**Pamela Ertel, Minden Elementary School, Grade 3 (Douglas County School District)**

Ms. Ertel has been teaching for 34 years, with 32 of those years in Nevada, and 20 of those years at Minden Elementary School. She is praised by her administrators and colleagues as being a “gifted teacher who has devoted her life to her students.” She spends her free time supporting children and the community at large through tutoring programs and various summer camps.

A current student’s parent noted that their “entire family continues to be blessed from knowing Ms. Ertel.” Previous recognitions of Ms. Ertel’s teaching include Douglas County School District Educator of the Week, Meneley Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year, Minden Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year, and Douglas County’s 2016 Teacher of the Year.

### 2017 Nevada Teacher of the Year – Finalists

- Jerri Kerns: Riverview Elementary School, Grade 3  
(Lyon County School District)
- Richard Knoepfel: Advanced Technologies Academy, Architectural Design, Grades 11 & 12  
(Clark County School District)
- Anne S. Lenhares: Carson Middle School, Social Studies, Grade 7  
(Carson City School District)
- Claritssa Sanchez: Canyon Springs High School, Social Studies, Grades 11 & 12  
(Clark County School District)