

Glendover's music teacher earns statewide honor

Debbie Stegner, who is in her 11th year at [Glendover Elementary School](#), has been named the state's Elementary Music Teacher of the Year.

"What a well-deserved honor," said principal Cathy Fine. "We appreciate all she does to make Glendover shine."

Stegner will collect her award Feb. 6 at the [Kentucky Music Educators Association's](#) professional conference in Louisville. KMEA also will honor her April 24 during Glendover's spring concert.

"It was voted on by my peers, so that makes it even more special that they recognize the work that you're doing," said Stegner, who has taught nearly 35 years.

Stegner, who also is coordinator of the Kentucky all-state children's chorus, sets high expectations for her kids and her kids rise to meet them. She offered this tip for new music teachers: "Love what you're doing, and enjoy your students."

"The most important thing is to be certain you have a firm grasp of the content you are teaching and to be prepared for each class. If you love teaching and your students, they will know that and respond likewise," she said. "My desire has always been to permit my students to experience music to the fullest and give them a foundation that will enable them to enjoy music for the rest of their lives."