

NCCAT 2026 Burroughs Wellcome Fund NC Beginning Teacher of the Year Finalists

Anna Sophia Steinki
Alamance-Burlington Schools

Lindsay Annis
Beaufort County Schools

Sarah Hersee
Brevard Academy

Kennedy Elmore
Cabarrus County Schools

Georgia Juhnke
Caldwell County Schools

Zoe Couloubis
Capital Encore Academy

Mandy Rundgren
Carolina Charter Academy

Emma Poovey
Catawba County Schools

Arjge Brothers
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Morgan Dudley
Cherokee County Schools

Amber Autry
Cumberland County Schools

Lydia Surprenant
Currituck County Schools

Kaitlyn Fletcher
Davie County Schools

Lena Dallas
Haywood County Schools

Sarah Schwartz
Henderson County Public Schools

Marquitta Lassiter
Hertford County Schools

Lily Hartsell
Lenoir County Public Schools

Caroline Beam
Lincoln County Schools

Sydney Puente
Nash County Public Schools

Allison Hancock
New Hanover County Schools

Rebeckah Goras
Orange County Schools

Sophia Foster
Pender County Schools

Ashley Hutchins
Randolph County Schools

Rhyane Jacobs
Public Schools of Robeson County

Molly Todd
Wake County Schools

Hester Claire Linville
Watauga County Schools

Ellie McPherson
Whiteville City Schools