The second class of Fremont City Schools Master Teachers were honored at the Jan. 28 Fremont Board of Education meeting.

The Master Teacher program was created through House Bill 1 in July 2009 and created a four-tiered licensure structure for teachers.

Teachers who complete the program and are awarded the Master Teacher designation are eligible for a senior professional educator license through the Ohio Department of Education.

A Master Teacher is scored on five criteria:

1. Consistent leadership.
2. Focused collaboration.
3. Distinguished teaching with a focus on students and environment.

4. Distinguished teaching with a focus on content, instruction and assessment.

5. Continued professional growth.

To be eligible teachers must hold a professional license, taught seven years and complete the Master Teacher application.

Fremont introduced the program February 2011 to all certified staff. Sixty-three staff members showed interest in joining a district cohort to work through the application process and 19 applications were received by the designated date for review.

All applications were scored by the designated committee and 16 teachers were awarded with the Master Teacher designation.