

Medal of Honored School Teacher of RSFSR, transitional post-Soviet issue, 1992-1995.

Medallion is silver-plated and gilded brass and lacquer, 26.1mm wide, of riveted two-piece construction. Raised mint mark "LMD" to the reverse. The reverse has factory-applied dark finish as characteristic of late issues. The ribbon is in colors of the Russian national flag adopted after the collapse of the Soviet Union - as opposed to the red-and-blue ribbon of the RSFSR flag of the Soviet era.

Excellent, near mint condition. The gilt and lacquer on the obverse as well as the dark silver finish on the reverse are practically pristine. The well-preserved ribbon is old and obviously original to the medal.

Established in 1940, the title of Honored School Teacher was among the earliest Soviet titles of distinction. The medal was instituted much later, in 1975, but still earlier than vast majority of similar medals for RSFSR "honored" and "people's" titles. After the collapse of the USSR in late 1992, the medal was awarded for exactly three years, but now with the tri-color ribbon. In December 1995, this and the other Soviet "holdover" awards were replaced by the entirely new awards of Russian Federation.

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