



Sign up for National Board Certification before December 31, 2010

Why Should I Become a National Board Certified Teacher?

National Board Certification is the highest symbol of professional teaching excellence. The rewards are many and becoming a National Board Certified Teacher attests to the fact that you have been judged by your peers as one who is accomplished in your field.

Benefits of National Board Certification:

- ✓ Meets Colorado's definition of "highly qualified teacher" under NCLB
- ✓ Strengthens teaching practice
- ✓ Improves students' learning according to a vast majority of research
- ✓ Advances teaching careers
- ✓ Increases financial opportunities in Colorado and BVSD (The state has committed to a yearly \$1,600 stipend of through 2011. BVSD provides 5% salary increase for educators who are National Board Certified.)
- ✓ Provides a portable teaching license in most states
- ✓ Contributes to re-certification requirements in Colorado
- ✓ Up to 19 credits can be earned applying and passing certification

Impact of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards:

Teachers who achieve National Board Certification have meet rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review. NBPTS offers 25 certificates that cover a variety of subject areas and student developmental levels. In a congressionally-mandated study, National Board Certification was recently recognized by the National Research Council as having a positive impact on student achievement, teacher retention, and professional development. Since 1987 nearly 74,000 teachers have achieved National Board Certification. These teachers prepare America's diverse student population with the skills it needs to compete in the 21st century workplace.

What does National Board Certification Application include?

The National Board Certification assessment process requires you to:

- Present samples of your teaching practice;
- Write commentaries that demonstrate a level of professional practice that meets the NBPTS standards;
- Create a portfolio consisting of four entries, each of which requires you to provide direct evidence that your teaching meets the NBPTS standards. (Three entries focus on classroom practice. One entry documents accomplishments that focus on both your work within the profession and your outreach to families and the community. Portfolios are due March 31, 2011.)
- Demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate content across the full range of the certificate area you have chosen. There are six computer-delivered exercises, each of which allows up to 30 minutes for candidate response. Complete January 4, 2010-June 15, 2011.

How do I sign up?

Go to: <http://nbpts.org/> - click on "Become A Candidate." **First 100 Colorado teachers will qualify for \$1000**