

2012 Overview of
**NATIONAL BOARD
 CERTIFICATION for
 California Teachers & School
 Counselors**

What is National Board Certification?

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) offers advanced certification in twenty-five certificate areas based on student age range and subject matter taught.

In response to specific prompts, candidates create a **portfolio** of their teaching practice. The portfolio includes written analyses of student work and classroom videos as well as documentation of the teacher’s involvement in a professional community and community outreach. The four-part portfolio is assembled over the course of several months of a school year.

Candidates must also attend a one-day **Assessment Center** where they are asked to respond to six, 30-minute exercises on content knowledge for their certificate area. Over 5,000 California teachers have achieved National Board Certification. Many of them report that this is the most rewarding professional development experience of their careers.

How Long Will It Take?

The process is designed to be completed during one school year, but candidates are allowed to “bank” scores and do over portions of the portfolio and retake assessment center exercises for two additional years. This means that candidates have a total of three years to achieve National Board Certification. Online applications are accepted February 15th through December 31st at www.nbpts.org.

How Much Does It Cost?

The assessment fee is \$2,500 plus a \$65 application fee. Retake fees are \$350 per entry.

What Financial Help is Available?

First-time candidates from California will receive up to \$1,250 in federally funded fee support. No application is required – it’s automatic once a candidate makes the initial \$565 payment and allows release of their information to third-party payers. For more information, visit www.cde.ca.gov/10373.

The National Board also offers scholarships to candidates. For information about the National Board Scholarship Program call 1-888-908-FEES or visit www.nbpts.org/scholarships.

Additionally, some school districts offer local fee subsidies, local incentives, increased salary, release time, and logistical support.

What is the Take One! Option?

Take One! allows an educator to complete one pre-selected portfolio entry and submit it to the NBPTS for scoring before making the commitment to full candidacy. Take One! is available to all educators, regardless of experience, and costs \$395.

Where Can I Find More Information?

The NBPTS website provides detailed information about the process as well as online candidate resources. Please visit www.nbpts.org or call **1-800-22TEACH** for additional information.

AFT/NEA have collaborated to produce a helpful guide for teachers seeking National Board Certification.

<http://www.guide4nbcandidates.org/>

The California Department of Education’s website provides information about the federal fee subsidy, candidate support, district support and university-based support, including the potential linking of a master’s degree with the process of national certification.

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CERTIFICATES For 2012

National Board Certification is available in 16 discipline areas. Many disciplines are further focused according to student age spans. The last column lists the number of California teachers who have earned each certification as of 12/15/11.

Discipline	Developmental Level	Ages	CA NBCTs
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Art	Early & Middle Childhood	3 – 12	9
	Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood	11 – 18+	98
Career & Technical Education	Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood	11 – 18+	37
English Language Arts	Early Adolescence	11 - 15	315
	Adolescence & Young Adulthood	14 – 18+	423
English as a New Language	Early & Middle Childhood	3 – 12	203
	Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood	11 – 18+	52
Exceptional Needs Specialist	Early Childhood through Young Adulthood	Birth - 21+	300
Generalist	Early Childhood	3 - 8	1189
	Middle Childhood	7 - 12	1008
	Early Adolescence (only available for renewal)	11 - 15	32
Health	Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood	11-18+	9
Library Media Specialist	Early Childhood through Young Adulthood	3 – 18+	36
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts	Early & Middle Childhood	3 – 12	357
Mathematics	Early Adolescence	11 – 15	175
	Adolescence & Young Adulthood	14 – 18+	204
Music	Early & Middle Childhood	3 – 12	29
	Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood	11 – 18+	12
Physical Education	Early & Middle Childhood	3 – 12	25
	Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood	11 – 18+	66
School Counseling	Early Childhood through Young Adulthood	3 – 18+	4
Science	Early Adolescence	11 – 15	129
	Adolescence & Young Adulthood	14 – 18+	228
Social Studies-History	Early Adolescence	11 – 15	92
	Adolescence & Young Adulthood	14 – 18+	165
World Languages other than English	Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood	11 – 18+	97

Total: 5,294

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CTA – sbegin@cta.org

LAUSD/UTLA – schow@thesupportnetwork.net <http://www.thesupportnetwork.net/>

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