

National Board. Now.

Every student deserves to be taught by an accomplished teacher.

“Board-certification allows teachers to hone their practice, showcase their talent in the classroom, and demonstrate their dedication to their students and their profession.”

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Statewide Support

Whether you live in rural Arizona or downtown Phoenix, you have access to the same high-quality resources.



Arizona’s NBCTs can be found from Window Rock to Safford and Kingman to Nogales; from Phoenix to Tucson and Flagstaff to Lake Havasu. They are in some of Arizona’s most disadvantaged communities and some of the wealthiest. They are in our Native American and border communities. They all share a commitment to being their personal best for the students and communities they serve.

Consider National Board Certification, Now

There has never been a better time than now to pursue National Board Certification. The revised process meets the demands of the busy teacher. You decide when to do what. And, if you teach in an Arizona public school and meet some basic requirements, there is almost no cost to you!

For over 10 years, the Arizona K12 Center has been supporting teachers seeking National Board Certification. We have developed learning and support around the components of Board-certification. It will be your work, but you will have support from knowledgeable facilitators throughout the process.

Working together, we are building a profession to serve today’s children and tomorrow’s leaders. Now is the time. Sign up today!

What NBCTs Say

“Becoming an NBCT is the best decision I’ve made in my career. As a teacher leader, Board-certification has given me the skill set to articulate what accomplished teaching is and better advocate for my students as well as the profession.”

Anthony Perez, NBCT
Cartwright Elementary School District



“I value the National Board Certification process because it has been a vehicle for equity in my classroom practices. All of my choices as an educator are now founded upon the question, ‘Who are my students and what do they need to learn?’”

Sara Wyffels, NBCT
Chandler Unified School District

Student Impact

Students of Board-certified teachers learn more—and the impact is greater for minority and low-income students.



A decade of research shows that students of Board-certified teachers outperform their peers without Board-certified teachers. Students taught by NBCTs gained the equivalent of approximately one to two months of additional instruction.

Community Support

81%

of Americans across the political spectrum believe teachers should achieve Board-certification, beyond licensure, as it is in other professions.

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Career Trajectory: Which paths do NBCTs take?

TEAM LEADERS UNION LEADERSHIP
SUPERINTENDENTS DEPARTMENT CHAIRS
CLASSROOM TEACHERS
STAFF COACHES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COLLEGE FACULTY DISTRICT LEADERSHIP
PRINCIPALS ELECTED POSITIONS

Common Questions & Answers

Q: Who is National Board Certification for?

A: Any teacher in Arizona who wants to elevate their practice and has a baccalaureate degree, a teaching license, and three or more years of experience.

Q: How much will it cost? Is there funding assistance?

A: There are four components a teacher needs to complete certification in three years. The cost of each component is \$475. If you teach in an Arizona public school and complete a National Board Pre-Candidacy Class and National Board Institute through the Arizona K12 Center, the Center will cover the cost of all four components.

Q: What are the expectations of the funding assistance?

A: If you receive funding assistance, we expect you to attend regional monthly cohort meetings, attend our National Board Candidate Kickoff, and teach for one year in an Arizona public school after you complete the process of Board-certification.

Q: How long will it take?

A: While it is possible to complete the process in as little as one year, you have three years to submit all four components.

Q: How do I balance this with my other responsibilities?

A: Recognizing the many demands on teachers' time, the certification process is designed to be flexible. You will decide which components to do when over a three year period. It is your choice! Regardless of the path you take, there is a supportive community of practitioners who have already made this journey ready to help you along the way.

Q: What support will I receive?

A: The Arizona K12 Center offers support to teachers through all stages of the process, including coaching, specialized workshops, and regional cohorts of support.