



NBPTS FIVE CORE PROPOSITIONS

Teachers are committed to students and learning.



Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students.



Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning.



Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience.



Teachers are members of learning communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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NOTE: The NBPTS process has undergone significant changes. The most recent and accurate information about the NBPTS new candidate process can be found at <http://boardcertifiedteachers.org>.

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NBPTS.ORG

What is National Board Certification?

National Board Certification is a highly respected professional certification available in education and provides numerous benefits to teachers, students, and schools. It was designed by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), which is composed primarily of educators, to develop, retain, and recognize accomplished teachers and to generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide.

There are 25 certification areas Early Childhood through Grade 12, and each set of standards represents consensus in the certification field of what makes an accomplished teacher.

Who is eligible for National Board Certification?

To seek National Board Certification you must meet the following requirements prior to applying:

- Hold a bachelor's degree
- Have completed three full years of teaching/counseling experience
- Possess a valid state teaching/counseling license for that period of time, or, if teaching where a license is not required, have taught in schools recognized and approved to operate by the state

What is the process for certification?

National Board Certification measures a teacher's practice against high and rigorous standards. The process consists of four components requiring candidates to demonstrate accomplished teaching through assessment of content knowledge, knowledge of students, video and analysis of teaching practices, and evidence of being a reflective practitioner. The entire portfolio process can be completed over one to three years. While rigorous, the NBPTS recognizes the many demands on teachers' time, and has therefore designed the process to be flexible and personal.

Why should I go through the process?

National Board Certification has been described by successful candidates as the most pivotal experience of their career development. For many, certification can open doors to leadership opportunities and increase your professional marketability. Even before you achieve certification, you will be able to apply what you are learning to your students each and every day. It is supported by our district's leadership, community members, and the state of Kansas. Achieving National Board Certification will distinguish you as an accomplished, effective teacher who has met the highest standards in the profession.

Where can I get more detailed information?

Potential candidates should visit www.nbpts.org for the most up-to-date information. If you have additional questions after reading the website, you may call **1-800-22TEACH**

Information specific to Blue Valley can be accessed under Staff Login on the Blue Valley Website, on the Professional Learning Page.

The Great Plains Center for National Teacher Certification provides support for Kansas candidates.

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What are the benefits to being certified?

- Public recognition and credentials that recognize highly accomplished teaching practice.
- Transformational professional learning experience
- \$2,500 salary increase for the length of the certification as indicated in the Negotiated Agreement.
- Accomplished license from the State of Kansas (KSDE) allowing you to renew based on your status as an NBCT.

What additional supports are available?

- Freedom to use personal leave time to work on the portfolio
- Using teacher-designed professional learning time for portfolio completion.
- Blue Valley Certified Support Provider

How much does it cost?

The total fees for original certification are estimated to be around \$1,900. Initial certification candidates will have the option to pay and submit each component separately (\$475 each) over a one to three year period with a \$75 nonrefundable registration fee for each year. See below for a table outlining costs.

	3 Years	2 Years	1 Year
COMPONENTS	4 x \$475	4 x \$475	4 x \$475
REGISTRATION	3 x \$75	2 x \$75	1 x \$75
TOTAL	\$2,125	\$2,050	\$1,975

What financial supports are available?

Blue Valley has a process to help teachers pay the fees associated with National Board Certification. The Blue Valley School District provides a \$950 stipend for a limited number of initial candidates via an application and selection process. Applications will be made available each spring.

The Kansas State Department of Education also has funds available to support candidates through a first-come, first-served application process. The total amount of this fee subsidy award will not exceed \$950, the fee for two components at \$475 per component. An applicant may apply for a fee subsidy for two components during any one assessment year or for one component in separate assessment years. The availability of subsidy funds cannot be guaranteed. For more information on the state's subsidy award, please visit www.ksde.org. See below for a table outlining costs with financial supports.

	KSDE*	BV**	Candidate	TOTAL
3 Years	\$950	\$950	\$225	\$2,175
2 Years	\$950	\$950	\$150	\$2,050
1 Year	\$950	\$950	\$75	\$1,975

*Requires three-years of accredited teaching under a license.

*Limited funds available (first come, first serve).

** Requires three-years of continuous BV experience in a certified teaching position, a statement of intent to continue as an employee of BV for a minimum of two years after completion of National Board Certification, and a statement agreeing to repay the school district stipend and substitute costs if the teacher leaves within those two years. Awards are limited.