

## Kern County National Board Certified Teachers Cohort

National Board Certified teachers in Kern County will have support through a variety of resources including ongoing support from sponsors. Resources will be varied and will include just-in-time learning, college course opportunities and collegial cohort meetings.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards  
web site: [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org)  
Kern County web site: <http://learning.kern.org/pdc>  
California web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/nbpts.html>  
1-800-22TEACH

## Core Propositions for National Board Certification

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards seeks to identify and recognize teachers who effectively enhance student learning and demonstrate the high level of knowledge, skills, dispositions and commitments reflected in the following five core propositions:

- 1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning.*
- 2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students.*
- 3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning.*
- 4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience.*
- 5. Teachers are members of learning communities.*

*Kern County*

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*Professional Development Consortium  
Region 8*

*Kern County Superintendent of Schools  
Office*

*California State University, Bakersfield*

*The Beginning Teachers Support and  
Assessment Programs of Kern County*

## About National Board Certification

Kern County Superintendent of Schools, working collaboratively with school districts, the Professional Development Consortium, Region 8, and CSU Bakersfield, is planning a cohort for those teachers interested in National Board Certification. Are you interested in knowing that you meet national standards in your teaching practice?

This may be for you if:

- You possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution,
- You have completed three years of successful teaching in one or more K-12 schools, and
- You have held a valid state teaching license for each of those three years.

**The process** includes a series of performance-based assessments which will be evaluated based on rigorous standards developed by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. It takes approximately one year to complete the work and learn of results. Fees total \$2300, with the state of California offering various subsidies and incentives. There have been 16,030 certified teachers nationally, including 1,305 California teachers.

## Available Certificates for 2002 - 2003

In the 2002-2003 school year, the National Board will offer 24 certificates as follows:

Certificate	Student Age
Early Childhood/Generalist .....	3-8
Middle Childhood/Generalist .....	7-12
Early Adolescence/Generalist .....	11-15
Early Childhood through Young Adulthood/Exceptional Needs Specialist .....	3-18
Early and Middle Childhood/Art .....	3-12
Early Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Art .....	11-18
Early Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Career and Technical Education .....	11-18
Early Adolescence/English Language Arts .....	11-15
Adolescence through Young Adulthood/English Language Arts .....	14-18
Early and Middle Childhood/English as A New Language .....	3-12
Early Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English as A New Language .....	11-18
Early Childhood through Young Adulthood/Library Media .....	3-18
Early Adolescence/Mathematics .....	11-15
Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Mathematics .....	14-18+
Early and Middle Childhood/Music .....	3-12
Early Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Music .....	11-18
Early and Middle Childhood/Physical Education .....	3-12
Early Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Physical Education .....	11-18
Early Adolescence/Science .....	11-15
Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Science .....	14-18
Early Adolescence/Social Studies-History .....	11-15
Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Social Studies-History .....	14-18
Early and Middle Childhood/World Languages other than English .....	3-12
Early Adolescence and Young Adulthood/World Languages other than English .....	11-18

## Portfolios Include

- Description of practice
- Videotapes
- Student work
- Extends beyond the classroom
- Includes reflective writing

Register and pay \$300:	Portfolio due:
April 1 – June 30	Feb 15
July 1 – Sept 30	Mar 15
Oct 1 – Dec 31	Apr 15

## Assessment Center

- Half-day test
- Six content prompts
- Up to 30 minutes each
- Basic computer skills needed

The assessment center window is determined by the date that the National Board receives full payment and all verification forms.

Full payment and all verification met:	Assessment center window:
April 1 – June 30	July 1 – Dec 31
July 1 – Sept 30	Oct 1 – Mar 31
Oct 1 – Jan 31 ( <b>this is not a typo</b> )	Jan 1 – June 30