

National Board Certification Program



National Board for Professional Teaching Standards® (NBPTS) is a classroom-based professional development focused on developing teaching practice through self-reflection and study of practice—reflecting on your practice and your students. Actively participating in the four National Board components, using the National Board Standards and the Five Core Propositions, candidates identify evidence of student learning and make the critical link between teaching practice and student learning gains.

Who can apply for National Board Certification?

Teachers, Librarians or Counselors who:

- Hold a bachelor's degree
- Have completed three full years of teaching or school counseling
- Possess a valid state teaching or school counseling license (Exception: If you are teaching where a license is not required)

Previous Austin ISD National Board candidates accepted into the Austin ISD National Board Cohort are not eligible to apply again.

A maximum of three (3) candidates will be funded from any individual campus through the Austin ISD National Board Certification Program.

What is the expected commitment from candidates in the program?

An expectation of the program is a commitment to a learning community - a commitment of time, effort, and active participation **over a two-year period**. In addition, there will be assignments to be completed outside meeting times, such as videotaping classroom lessons and writing in depth and at length about teaching practices, professional commitments, and/or accomplishments that impact student learning.

What is the selection criteria?

Thirty candidates will be accepted into the 2019-2021 Austin ISD National Board Cohort. Each application will be scored using the following selection criteria:

- Written Submission (up to 5 points)
- Principal Recommendation (up to 5 points)
- Low-represented campus (fewer than 2 NBCT's (1 point)
- Title 1 Campus (1 point)
- Improvement Required Campus (1 point)
- Years of Service will serve as tie breaker

How much does National Board certification cost?

Austin ISD will fund the four required components for each candidate who is accepted into the 2019-21 National Board cohort. Candidates are responsible for the annual non-refundable \$75 registration fee payable to NBPTS.

Upon acceptance into the AISD program, *each candidate will provide a check for \$200 payable to AISD as a cohort participation fee*. Candidates will be reimbursed \$200 after certification status information and scores are submitted to the Office of Talent Acquisition and Development designee to document completion and submission of all four components. The reimbursement is contingent upon completion and submission of all four components over the two year period, NOT achievement of certification.

The application window for the National Board Program will be open February 12 – March 30, 2019.

<http://bit.ly/AustinISDNBCT>

Please contact Mark Gurgel (mark.gurgel@austinisd.org; 512-414-0017) for more information.

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TIMELINE	COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION
September 2019 - April 2020	Differentiation in Instruction	<i>Differentiation In Instruction</i> requires that candidates gather and analyze information about individual students' strengths and needs and use that information to design and implement instruction to advance student learning and achievement.
March 2020 - May 2020	Content Knowledge	<i>Content Knowledge</i> is a computer-based assessment that asks you to demonstrate knowledge of and pedagogical practices for teaching your content area.
September 2020 - May 2021	Teaching Practice and Learning Environment	<i>Teaching Practice and Learning Environment</i> captures details about your instructional planning, direct evidence of your practice from two video recordings and instructional materials, and your analysis and reflection on your teaching as displayed in two video recordings.
September 2020 - May 2021	Effective and Reflective Practitioner	<i>Effective and Reflective Practitioner</i> requires you to gather information from a variety of sources about a class of students with whom you work and demonstrate your knowledge of assessments and assessment practices to effectively plan for and positively impact these students' learning.



DATE	TIMES	NOTES
Saturday, September 21, 2019	8:30-11:30am	Foundations of National Board, Southfield CPL
Week of October 14, 2019	2 hours (evening)	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction, Cohort Location
Week of November 11, 2019	2 hours (evening)	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction, Cohort Location
Week of December 9, 2019	2 hours (evening)	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction, Cohort Location
Saturday, January 11, 2020	8:30am - 12:30pm	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction, Southfield CPL Component 1: Assessment Center Introduction, Southfield CPL
Week of January 20, 2020	2 hours (evening)	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction, Cohort Location
Week of February 10, 2020	2 hours (evening)	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction, Cohort Location
Week of March 23, 2020	3 hours (evening)	Component 1: Assessment Center Study Sessions, Location TBD
Week of April 6, 2020	2 hours (evening)	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction, Cohort Location
Week of April 27, 2020	3 hours (evening)	Component 1: Assessment Center Study Sessions, Location TBD
Week of May 4, 2020	3 hours (evening)	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction, Cohort Location
Week of May 18, 2020	2 hours (evening)	Component 1: Assessment Center Study Sessions, Location TBD
2020-21 School Year		Component 3 and 4

Austin ISD teachers earning their National Board Certification receive a \$2000 annual stipend for the duration of their certification.

<http://boardcertifiedteachers.org>

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Austin ISD has a long history of supporting teachers in achieving National Board certification, continuing to lead the state in the number of National Board Certified Teachers with 213 active NBCT's working in various roles in the district.