

Supportive Information

- The National Board Certified Teachers are recognized as accomplished educators who meet high and rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review.
- Completing the National Board process involves developing four portfolio entries involving student work, video tapes of teaching, and documented professional contributions to student learning, as well as the completion of six content-focused assessment center exercises.
- It is estimated that it takes anywhere from 300-400+ hours of work for a teacher to complete the full certification process. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) recognizes a National Board Certified Teacher's (NBCT) significant commitment to student and professional learning and growth by offering up to nine (9) graduate credits for achieving certification.
- National Board Certification is the highest credential a teacher can earn. Individuals with National Board certification in their field who move to Maine may be granted an initial Level II certificate.
- The State of Maine recognizes the significance of this accomplishment by awarding a stipend to teachers who achieve National Board Certification and by indicating National Board Certification as the primary requirement for the title of Master Teacher in the State's tiered licensure system.