

National Board Certification

Nearly 3,200 Illinois National Board Certified Teachers

Illinois ranks fifth in the nation for having the highest number of teachers (708) achieving National Board Certification in 2008. 3,188 Illinois teachers and school counselors are National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs). Becoming an NBCT is the only means to qualify for the Illinois Master Certificate, the highest level in the Illinois System. These teachers want to improve their teaching and student learning and claim that the NBC process is the best professional development they have ever experienced.

Illinois teachers who want to learn more about the National Board process can visit:

- National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University www.coe.ilstu.edu/ilnbpts
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) website to see directions, standards, and requirements www.nbpts.org
- Illinois National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (ILNBPTS) www.ilnbpts.org
- Illinois State Board site <http://www.isbe.net/profprep/nbpts.htm>
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