

## Who is the NMNBCT network?

In 2001, a group of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) met and envisioned a statewide network of NBCTs. The New Mexico National Board Certified Teacher (NMNBCT) Network was born and charged with working together to advance the work of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in New Mexico.

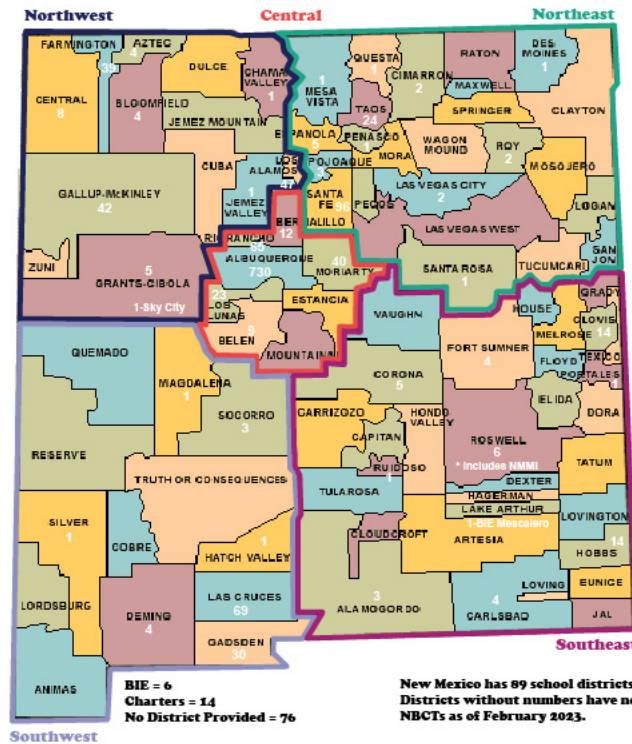
Our mission is to promote Accomplished Teaching throughout New Mexico. We do this by advocating for leadership opportunities for NBCTs, promoting and educating teachers about the National Board's Body of Knowledge, supporting candidates through the National Board Professional Teaching certification process and celebrating when achievement is attained. By offering opportunities to all constituent groups, we aim to support and recognize all New Mexico NBCTs in all school districts in the state and at the state legislature.

Our growing membership is now well over 1000 members. The network board of directors now consists of seven officers, ten NBCTs representing five regions around the state, committee chairs, and partners from businesses, universities, PED, BIE, ATF and NEA unions, as well as the NM School Board Association.

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## Where are New Mexico's National Board Teachers?

### NMNBCTs certified since 1996 Map of NM School Districts and Network Regions



**New Mexico has 1,465 NBCTs in 44 school districts.**

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## National Board Teacher Certification

*Every Student  
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## What is National Board Certification?

National Board Certification is the most respected professional certification available in education and provides numerous benefits to teachers, students and schools. It was designed to maintain high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. It defines accomplished teaching by the five core propositions, architecture of accomplished teaching, and the content area standards.

While teacher licensure systems set the basic requirements to teach in each state, completion of National Board Certification signifies that teachers have voluntarily gone much further. National Board Certified Teachers have developed and demonstrated the advanced knowledge, skills and practices required of an accomplished educator.

National Board standards are created by teachers, for teachers. They represent a consensus among educators about what accomplished, effective teachers should know and be able to do to improve student learning and achievement. Board certification is available in 25 certificate areas, from Pre-K to 12th grade.

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## Why Support National Board Certification?

### Improves Student Learning

- Students of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) outperform students of non-NBCTs on achievement tests and the positive effect is even greater among minority students.
- Students of NBCTs make learning gains equivalent to an extra month in school.
- Students of NBCTs exhibit stronger writing abilities, better comprehension and integration of complex classroom material, better understanding of concepts, and more abstract thinking than students of non-NBCTs.
- Even the few studies that show mixed findings also show positive effects of National Board Certification in subject- and grade-specific areas.
- Visit [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org) for research details.

### Recognizes Skilled Teachers and Teacher Leaders

- NBCTs create more challenging curricula, demonstrate in-depth knowledge of teaching skills and subject matter, provide better feedback to students and routinely seek educational strategies that better meet students' needs.
- NBCTs give input on curricular decisions, organize professional development opportunities, chair departments, engage with the community, reach out to parents and serve as faculty voices to policymakers and other stakeholders.
- NBCTs take on leadership roles that include mentoring and coaching others and developing programs aimed at improving student learning.

### Develops Effective Teachers

- National Board Certification helps change teachers' practices and their instruction in general. Even teachers who start at a lower skill end up with better teaching practices than those who did not go through the certification process.
- The National Board Certification process improves teachers' professional development by: (a) enhancing reflection on teaching practice, (b) establishing a professional discourse among teachers, (c) raising the standards for teaching performance and (d) facilitating collaboration.
- National Board Certification is a "transformative experience" for many teachers, and they often apply in the classroom what they learn from the certification process—whether they achieve certification or not. The certification process itself improves teachers' ability to improve student learning.
- A survey of NBCT candidates found that 92 percent reported the process made them better teachers, and 89 percent said it equipped them to create stronger curricula and better evaluate student learning.

### Retains Teachers

- National Board Certification helps keep the most highly accomplished teachers in the classroom.
- Many NBCTs provide mentoring and guidance to the new or struggling teachers who are most likely to leave within the first five years of teaching.