

## NM National Board Certified Teacher Network is Honored for Overall Excellence by National Board Networks Team Helps Drive Student Learning Through Excellent Teaching

Today, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards recognized 21 National Board Networks that model excellence in support of the [National Board's mission](#).

Across the country, 76 National Board networks play a key role in building and sustaining National Board certification, supporting educators who wish to challenge themselves and prove they teach to the profession's highest standards. The networks also build pathways for National Board Certified Teachers to serve leadership roles throughout their region and state.

Due to the work of the NM NBCT Network:

- 140 teachers (58 new and 82 renewed NBCTs) in New Mexico achieved National Board Certification in 2021. We now have 1380 National Board-Certified Teachers certified in the state, teaching in Public, BIE, and Charter school districts. Continued support will ensure equitable access for all of New Mexico's students, urban and rural.
- We added three new districts with NBCTs: Hatch Valley (1), Des Moines (1), and Corona (2).
- New Mexico ranks 11th nationally in the percentage of NBCTs teaching workforce in the state at 6.25%.
- New Mexico is ranked 21<sup>st</sup> among states for the overall number of NBCTs.
- NM ranked 11th among states for new NBCTs.
- We have more NBCTs in NM than Texas, Colorado, Utah, Kansas, Nevada, or Wyoming.
- Top 5 districts total number certified are Albuquerque (699 and 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation), Santa Fe (85), Las Cruces (62), Rio Rancho (58), and Los Alamos (49).

*"The decision to pursue my National Board certification was the BEST professional development I have ever undertaken in my 21 years. I hope that this award serves to raise awareness of National Boards across the state of New Mexico, and motivate our educators to choose National Boards as well". Cindy Carr, NBCT and NE Regional Network Board Member*

*"This award recognizes 21 years of commitment to advance accomplished teaching and national board certification in New Mexico. The NM National Board Certified Teacher Network is the state leader for increasing the number of National Board Certified Teachers which has grown from 22 to 1380 NBCTs over the 21 years. The certification process directly impacts teacher practice and student learning. We promote and educate teachers about National Boards, support them through the process, and celebrate when achievement is attained. We work closely with NMPED, legislators and other stakeholders to advocate for accomplished teaching and increase the number of opportunities for students to be instructed by a national board certified teacher". Evelyn Sanchez, President NMNBCT Network*

*"Our staff is dedicated and we push ourselves daily to impact education nationwide. All the networks consistently deliver on the ground in states and districts across the whole country. We are grateful for each network's unique contributions advancing our mission. I'm especially excited to honor the awardees for standing out as exemplary. We're lucky to have their partnership," said Peggy Brookins, NBCT, President CEO of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.*

## National Board Honors Program

National Board Network Honors is presented in five areas which can be earned by multiple networks each year.

### 2021 National Board Network Honors Recipients

- **Overall Excellence**
  - Alabama NBCT Network
  - Network of Accomplished Minoritized Educators (NAME)
  - New Mexico NBCT Network
  - PGCPs NBCT Network
  - Stanford NBRC
  - The Support Network, aUTLA/LAUSD Collaborative
- **Awareness and Recruitment**
  - Chicago NBCT Network
  - Georgia Teacher Leader Consortium
  - Louisiana NBCT Network
- **Candidate Support, Initial and MOC- Eight honored**
  - San Francisco Unified School District National Board Support Program
  - Texas National Board Coalition for Teaching
  - UCLA NBPTS Project
  - Clover Park Network (Washington)
  - Howard County Public Schools National Board Certification Network (Maryland)
  - National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University
  - Nevada National Board Learning Institute
  - Oklahoma NBCT Network
- **NBCT Engagement and Mobilization**
  - New York National Board Network
  - South Carolina National Board Network
  - Washington State National Board Network
- **Advocacy and Teacher Leadership- One honored**
  - KY NBCT Network

### About the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards ([www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org)):

*The founding mission of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by: maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards, and advocating related education reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education and to capitalize on the expertise of National Board Certified Teachers. Recognized as the “gold standard” in teacher certification, the National Board believes higher standards for teachers means better learning for students.*