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**ABOUT NBRC**

The National Board Resource Center (NBRC) is a nonprofit organization that has been charged with overseeing the Illinois State Board of Education program that enables teachers & counselors to become National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs). The NBRC provides payment for teacher fees & provides the professional development needed to support teachers through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process.

**NBCTs & COVID-19**

Throughout the continued shifting landscape of education during the ongoing global pandemic, NBCTs & teachers working towards National Board certification have continued to serve as leaders, innovators, & caretakers of their students’ educational & emotional well-being. Even with the unprecedented challenges facing the classroom, hundreds of Illinois teachers began working towards & achieved National Board certification.

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**FY21 DISTRICT HONORS**

- Nashville CHSD #99 was named a National Board Accomplished District with NBCTs making up more than 47% of their teachers. This is the highest percentage of NBCTs in any district in the country.
- Reavis Township HSD over 20% of teachers are NBCTs
- Chicago Public School District #299 is currently 3rd in the nation for total number of NBCTs by District

**SPRING 2021 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Illinois State University is ranked 23rd of universities across the country for total number of graduates who become NBCTs.

**PUBLIC ACT 101-0654**

61 NBCTs who work in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Rural & Remote district or school received a one-time $3,000 incentive in 2021. This was due to a change in Public Act 101-0654.

A change to the law in March 2021 to include Local Code 33 as a qualifying code (joining codes 41, 42, & 43) resulted in 50 more teachers than last year receiving the incentive.
NBRC Mission:
The National Board Resource Center supports teachers seeking National Board Certification, builds the capacity of National Board Certified Teachers to improve teaching and student learning through mentoring and facilitating professional development, and partners with educational stakeholders to elevate the teaching profession.

NBRC Equity Statement:
The National Board Resource Center (NBRC) accepts the responsibility to achieve educational equity by providing an inclusive opportunity and environment for teachers to pursue National Board Certification. The NBRC ensures that all policies, programs, and practices affirm the strengths of teachers’ diverse backgrounds and life experiences in order to deliver the comprehensive supports and professional development for teachers to become National Board Certified.

NBRC Vision:
The National Board Resource Center is working to ensure:

• Every teacher in Illinois is on a path to accomplished teaching by becoming National Board Certified. Becoming a National Board Certified Teacher is a career continuum for teachers. It starts in pre-service teacher preparation, leading aspiring teachers to pursue and achieve National Board Certification. The continuum culminates in meaningful teacher leadership roles for those who wish to seek them.

• Every educational stakeholder in Illinois understands the value of the reflective professional development process that the journey to National Board Certification provides teachers. All schools recognize teacher improvement is critically important for schools trying to improve their performance.

Respectfully submitted,

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