NATIONAL BOARD RESOURCE CENTER

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT









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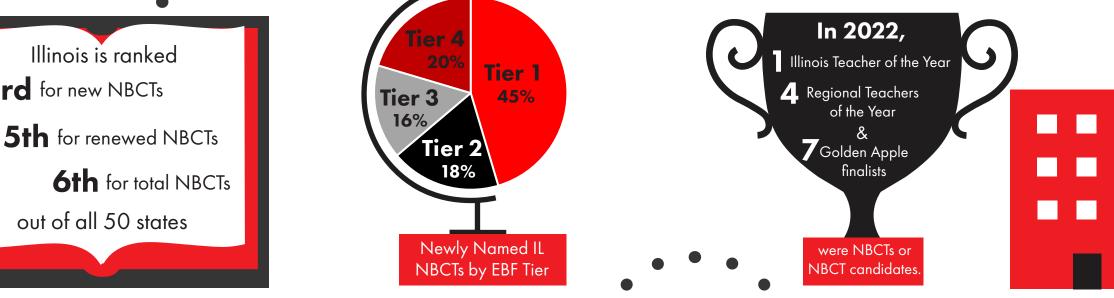
ABOUT NBRC

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

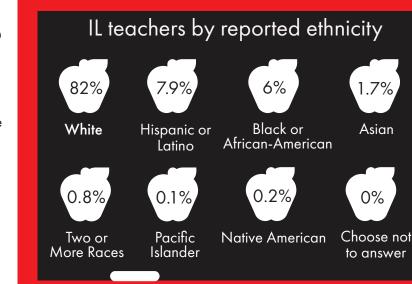
ABOUT NBPTS

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), was founded as a non-profit dedicated to improving teaching and student learning.

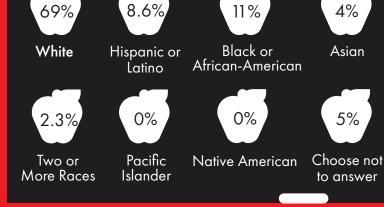
Just as teachers differentiate instruction for their students, the National Board process differentiates for teachers. There are 25 certificates available across various disciplines and developmental levels.



COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, FAIRNESS, EQUITY, & ETHICS



IL NBCT candidates by reported ethnicity



NBRC RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

Recruitment efforts by the National Board Resouce Center can be seen in the diversity of the eligible candidates from the Illinois First-Time Candidates of 2021-2022. The NBRC is committed to recruiting teachers from diverse backgrounds to pursue National Board Certification.

Since enacting Public Act 101-0654, NBCTs in rural & remote areas have been awarded a one-time, \$3,000 teaching incentive. **NBRC HONORED** In December, the NBRC was recognized by NBPTS for the excellence modeled by its staff in supporting Illinois teachers working to achieve their certification in 2021. The NBRC was one of only eight networking programs across the country honored in the category of "Candidate Support – Initial and MOC."

NBRC TEACHERS OF COLOR AFFINITY GROUP COHORT

To address diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, the NBRC will provide an additional support option for teachers working on certification. During the 2022-2023 school year, Illinois will start its first Teachers of Color affinity group cohort.

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.

2021 ILLINOIS STATISTICS

Teachers Achieving & Pursuing National Board Certification

	Total New NBCTS in 2021	Total Renewed NBCTS in 2021	Total Teachers Certified
Illinois	153	258	7,012
Total	2,073	5,304	130,493

Respectfully submitted,

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