

Elevating the Teaching Profession

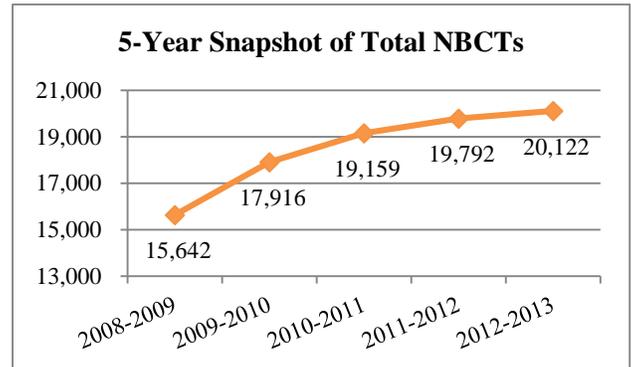
“National Board Certification has a direct correlation to classroom instruction. Our students are the direct beneficiaries.”

- State Sen. Jerry Tillman, co-chair, Education Appropriations Committee

Amid increasing evidence of the importance of high quality teaching to student achievement, North Carolina has seen a gain in its number of Board-certified teachers. In 2013, 330 teachers in North Carolina achieved National Board Certification, the profession’s highest recognition of accomplished teaching.

That number represents a 1.67 percent increase over last year’s total. Today, North Carolina ranks 1st in the nation in its total number of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs).

North Carolina has led the nation in the total number of National Board Certified Teachers for nearly 20 years. During that time, NBCTs have increased student learning, mentored colleagues, and provided leadership at the school, district, and state levels.



For two decades, North Carolina policy influencers and elected officials have supported teachers seeking National Board Certification and National Board Certified Teachers. Candidates are given three days of release time to work toward certification. All teachers who complete the National Board Certification process receive full licensure renewal. All National Board Certified Teachers receive a 12% salary increase for the life of the certificate.

School districts, colleges and universities, and professional organizations offer support to candidates for National Board Certification whether initial candidates, advanced candidates, or renewal candidates.

National Board Certification is a rigorous, performance-based, peer review process created for teachers, by teachers. The more than 106,000 NBCTs nationwide represent just over 3 percent of all U.S. teachers, but they are having an outsized impact on the profession. Research has shown that students of NBCTs outperform their peers in other classrooms on achievement tests and that schools and districts with a high concentration of NBCTs see marked improvements in school culture, collaboration, and teacher retention.

2013 Statistics for North Carolina

Increase in Teachers Achieving National Board Certification*			
	Number in 2012-2013	% Increase	Total Number Certified
NC	330	1.67%	20,122
Total	4,117	4%	106,365

Top Five School Districts Statewide (by total number certified)*		
School District	Number of New NBCTs	Total Number Certified
Wake County	71	2,365
Charlotte-Mecklenburg	34	1,927
Guilford County	3	757
Winston-Salem Forsyth	6	533
Buncombe County	10	498

*Source: Data reflects teachers’ place of employment as self-reported in the National Board database as of December 11, 2013.