

So you're thinking about National Board Certification . . .

Congratulations on taking the first step to National Board Certification! Now what?

Check out the website: nbpts.org

Click on the “**Get Certified**” box. Scroll down to the “**Candidate Center**” and find “**First-time and Returning Candidate Resources.**” Click on the red “**Learn More**” directly underneath.

Here you will find a virtual library of resources and documents. Be sure to read the ***Guide to National Board Certification*** and ***Choosing the Right Certificate Area.***

Scroll down and review ***Certificates, Standards, and Instructions for First Time and Returning Candidates.*** Under “**Discipline,**” you will choose your certificate area and developmental age range.

Once you've selected your areas, the component directions and specific standards will appear.

Read over the standards. Really read them. Look at the component requirements carefully. Make sure you understand what you will have to do.

Now, you're ready to begin the process!

I'd like to invite you to join our local NBPTS network affiliate **HSTA NBCTs**. The application can be found here:

bit.ly/hstanbcts.

Our mission: To advance the quality of teaching and learning through a collaborative network of NBCTs, candidates and other professionals, to connect network participants with teacher leadership opportunities, and to promote the sharing of ideas and expertise within our network, HSTA and HTSB.

If you have a **Facebook** account, please take a moment and "like" our page www.facebook.com/hsta.nbcts/. The application can also be found there. Just click the "Sign Up" button in the header and it will take you to the application.

Candidate Support for 2020 begins with NEA Jump Start in the summer (Oahu: June 9-12, Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and Molokai: TBD) Candidate Support Cohorts will begin in September of 2020. Read your “Member Matters” regularly to ensure you don't miss any announcements! Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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