

# News Release

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## Wisconsin celebrates 126 new and 44 renewed National Board Certified Teachers

MADISON – Wisconsin has 126 educators who earned national certification in 2017. An additional 44 teachers renewed their certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

The state was among seven nationwide that increased its total National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) by more than 10 percent. Currently, Wisconsin has 1,082 teachers who have earned the voluntary, performance-based credential. Research from across the country confirms that students taught by nationally certified teachers gain one to two months of instruction over students taught by those who do not have national certification.

“Congratulations to our National Board Certified Teachers,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “Those who have gone through the process call it the most transforming experience of their careers. They say it makes them better teachers for our kids and better representatives of teaching in their schools and communities.”

Nationwide, there were 5,470 teachers who earned new certification. Another 3,957 renewed their credential to bring the total number of certified teachers across the country to more than 118,000. National board certification is open to all educators who have a baccalaureate degree and three years of classroom experience in a public, private, or tribal school. The process for national certification is

performance-based and peer-reviewed, requiring teachers to demonstrate advanced knowledge, skills, and practice in their subject area by completing three portfolio entries and a computer-based assessment.

### National Board for Professional Teaching Standards *Five Core Propositions*

- Teachers are committed to students and their learning
- Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students
- Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning
- Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience
- Teachers are members of learning communities

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In Wisconsin, newly certified teachers can request up to \$2,000 to reimburse costs associated with earning national certification. These teachers can also qualify for a grant of \$2,500 per year for the remainder of the five-year national certificate. The grant is doubled for teachers who work in a high-poverty school. Educators who successfully renew their certification may continue to receive annual grants from the state.

This year's new board-certified teachers are the first to certify under the redesigned assessment, developed to be more flexible and accessible for teachers. Established in 1987, the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](#) is an independent, nonprofit organization working to advance accomplished teaching for all students. The National Board Standards and the board's certification process are created by teachers, for teachers.

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**NOTES:** A list of new and renewed National Board Certified Teachers follows. This news release is available electronically at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2018-01.pdf>.

Wisconsin's 2017-18

## National Board Certified Teachers

### *Newly Certified Teachers*

#### **Adams-Friendship Area School District**

Tara Brom, Friendship  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Deborah Diemert, Adams  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Rebecca Grabarski, Grand Marsh  
*Career and Technical Education/Early  
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Lisa Hengst, Hancock  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early  
and Middle Childhood*

Angela Lory, Wisconsin Rapids  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

#### **Ashland School District**

Nicole Landucci, Ashland  
*School Counseling/Early Childhood  
through Young Adulthood*

#### **Baraboo School District**

Sandra Conley, Baraboo  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

Elizabeth Gulden, Baraboo  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Karen Olson, Reedsburg  
*Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

#### **Bayfield School District**

Lorie Erickson, Bayfield  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood  
through Young Adulthood*

#### **Beaver Dam Unified School District**

Melissa Hemling, Beaver Dam  
*Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

#### **Cedar Grove-Belgium School District**

Carol Schumacher, Oostburg  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence  
and Young Adulthood*

#### **D C Everest Area School District**

Mallory Foss, Wausau  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood  
through Young Adulthood*

Heather Theiss, Weston

*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood  
through Young Adulthood*

#### **Delavan-Darien School District**

Sandra Ortiz, Delavan  
*Physical Education/Early Adolescence  
through Young Adulthood*

#### **Eau Claire Area School District**

Elizabeth Duellman, Eau Claire  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

#### **Edgar School District**

Katie Haas, Colby  
*Mathematics/Early Adolescence*

#### **Elmbrook School District**

Lisa Camponeschi, Elm Grove  
*Science/Early Adolescence*

Amy Digman, Brookfield  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Shari Gajria, Wauwatosa  
*Science/Early Adolescence*

Laurie Horne, Brookfield  
*Science/Early Adolescence*

Caroline Kuhnen, Pewaukee  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Julie Wessel, Brookfield  
*Science/Early Adolescence*

#### **Germantown School District**

Greg Siegert, Jackson  
*Physical Education/Early Adolescence  
through Young Adulthood*

Marin Siegert, Jackson  
*Physical Education/Early Adolescence  
through Young Adulthood*

#### **Gibraltar Area School District**

Lauren Bremer, Baileys Harbor  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

#### **Greendale School District**

Amy Bauer, Franklin  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

Megan Faherty, Wauwatosa  
*Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Ben Hubing, Shorewood  
*Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Kristin Martens, Franklin  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

Sarah St. Martin, Milwaukee  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Hamilton School District**

Jessica Ronk, Menomonee Falls  
*Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Holmen School District**

Susan Ausavich, Holmen  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Jamie Meidl, Onalaska  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**Howards Grove School District**

Dannielle Arneson, Sheboygan Falls  
*Art/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Gary Kalk, Howards Grove  
*Mathematics/Early Adolescence*

**Janesville School District**

Lisa Fuelleman, Janesville  
*English as a New Language/Early and Middle Childhood*

**Kaukauna Area School District**

Gatlin Bibow, Appleton  
*Physical Education/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Michael Vanderscheuren, Kimberly  
*Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**Kettle Moraine School District**

Emily Webber, Waukesha  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**Kenosha – 21st Century Preparatory Charter School**

Tina Miller, Kenosha  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa School**

Angela Ewert, Hayward  
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**Luck School District**

Kyle Clemens, Saint Croix Falls  
*Art/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**Madison Metropolitan School District**

Wendy Samaca, Madison  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Jill Taglienti, Belleville  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Maple School District**

Kathryn Anderson, Superior  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

Lee Wiese, Brule  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**Mayville School District**

Jessica Stortz, Mayville  
*Art/Early and Middle Childhood*

**Menomonee Area School District**

Jaimie Howe, Menomonee  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

**Milwaukee Public Schools**

Deminica Carson, Milwaukee  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Ann Christensen, Milwaukee  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Amy Daroszeski, Milwaukee  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Stephanie Heinen, Milwaukee  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Kelli Hook, Milwaukee  
*English as a New Language/Early and Middle Childhood*

Elizabeth Howland, West Bend  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Patti Koscielak, Milwaukee  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

Brenda Mikell, Milwaukee  
*School Counseling/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Patricia Rian, Milwaukee  
*Mathematics/Early Adolescence*

Nicole Seiler, Milwaukee  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Melissa Tempel, Milwaukee  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Monroe School District**

Susan Lawson, Monroe  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Muskego-Norway School District**

Megan Bernhardt, Waukesha  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**New London School District**

Melissa Anderson, Clintonville  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Oconomowoc Area School District**

Ashley Bestor, Oconomowoc  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Oostburg School District**

Colette Hilbelink, Oostburg  
*Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Cathy Vandoske-Buzaitis, Sheboygan  
*English Language Arts/Early Adolescence*

**Peshtigo**

Angela Smith, Peshtigo  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Pewaukee School District**

Lindsay Krueger, Sussex  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Cheryl Panka, Hartland  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Rebecca Reagles, Waukesha  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Scott Roehl, Oconomowoc  
*Science/Early Adolescence*

**Prairie du Chien School District**

Kirby Kohler, Eastman  
*Science/Early Adolescence*

**Racine Unified School District**

Joanna Hasty, Racine  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Jennifer Humphreys, Racine  
*Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Katherine Katzer, Racine  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Marcy Keith, Antioch, Ill.  
*Music/Early and Middle Childhood*

Lauren Kell, Lake Mills  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Katelynn Lauer, Caledonia  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Ashley Lindstrom, Pleasant Prairie  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Sarah Roth, Racine  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Joshua Sherman, Racine  
*Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**Reedsburg School District**

Brenda Bestor, La Valle  
*Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Stephanie Kroeger, Rock Springs  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Ann Rocha, Reedsburg  
*Mathematics/Early Adolescence*

Cheryl Warming, Baraboo  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**Ripon Area School District**

Tanya Monet-Bakken, Fond du Lac  
*Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Shawano School District**

Jill Sousek, Shawano  
*Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**Sheboygan Area School District**

Stacy Wetzel, Sheboygan  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**Somerset School District**

Erin Gehring, New Richmond  
*Science/Early Adolescence*

Jennifer Sutton, Somerset  
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**South Milwaukee School District**

Amy Altamirano, Cudahy  
*World Languages/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**Stevens Point Area Public School District**

Laura Leahy, Stevens Point  
*Mathematics/Early Adolescence*

**Sturgeon Bay School District**

Aaron Pairolero, Sturgeon Bay  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Sun Prairie Area School District**

Bridgette Baldwin, Madison  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Jami Dugan, Sun Prairie  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Kelli Elert, Sun Prairie  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

Jill Schmoldt, Sun Prairie  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

**Superior School District**

Nancy Benner, Duluth, Minn.  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

Amy Eichers, Superior  
*Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Nikkee Francisco, Superior  
*Art/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Caitlin Knoll, Duluth, Minn.  
*English Language Arts/Early Adolescence*

Heather Krull, Superior  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

Emily Sharrow, Hermantown, Minn.  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

Deana Wells, Superior  
*Physical Education/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**Verona Area School District**

Julie Berndt, Madison  
*Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Melissa Bremmer, Verona  
*Music/Early and Middle Childhood*

Debra Breunig, Verona  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Amy Cartwright, Verona  
*English as a New Language/Early and Middle Childhood*

Angela Davis, Madison  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Ramona Doberstein, Mount Horeb  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

Elizabeth Folberg, Madison  
*English as a New Language/Early and Middle Childhood*

Sarah Greenlaw, Verona  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Teresa Hoffman, Madison  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

Kabby Hong, Madison  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Stephanie Symes, Madison  
*English Language Arts/Early Adolescence*

Teresa Voss, Verona  
*Library Media/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**Washburn School District**

Elizabeth Reed, Washburn  
*World Languages/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**Waterford Union High School District**

Christina Taylor, Kansasville  
*Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Waukesha School District**

Catherine Brooks, Waukesha  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Wausau School District**

Amber Bronsteatter, Wausau  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

Heather Trollop, Wausau  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Wauwatosa School District**

Tamara Nelsen, Menomonee Falls  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Whitefish Bay School District**

Karen Eysers, Mequon  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

Patricia Sibbersen, Shorewood  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Jessica Wintheiser, Whitefish Bay  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Wisconsin Rapids School District**

Teri Thomas, Wisconsin Rapids  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Recertified Teachers**

**Adams-Friendship Area School District**

Linda Ruhland-Stage  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**Ashwaubenon School District**

Gina Jones  
*Social Studies-History/Early Adolescence*

**Cedarburg School District**

Ann Ingham  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**East Troy Community School District**

Kristin Michalski  
*Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Eau Claire Area School District**

Tricia Helms  
*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Ellsworth Community School District**

Michelle Krajacic  
*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Elmbrook School District**

Jenifer Berthold  
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

**Hortonville School District**

Paul Frazier  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Kenosha Unified School District**

Angela Haut  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Kiel Area School District**

Jessica Gruenke  
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**Kimberly Area School District**

Aimee Froze  
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Jason Jansen  
*Science/Early Adolescence*

Jodi King  
*Mathematics/Early Adolescence*

**Madison Metropolitan School District**

Jill Cohan  
*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

Evan Gnam  
*Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Laura Godfrey  
*Mathematics/Early Adolescence*

**Manitowoc Public School District**

Andrew Evenson

*Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Rachael George

*Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Tammy Hyler

*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Carl Sieracki

*Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Deanne Stokes

*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Mequon-Thiensville School District**

Linda Krajcik

*Social Studies-History/Early Adolescence*

Jane Lepold

*Social Studies-History/Early Adolescence*

**Merrill Area Public School District**

Scott Mackin

*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood*

**Milwaukee - Salem School**

David Clarke

*Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Milwaukee Public Schools**

Jessica Apitz

*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Kristi Hepp

*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

Lori Huebner Avila

*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

Melanie Stewart

*Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Mukwonago - Independent Teacher**

Lisa Werner

*Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

**Mukwonago Area School District**

Sarah Dianich

*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District**

Emily Barczak

*Music/Early and Middle Childhood*

Christine Timm

*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Oostburg School District**

Terry Hendrikse

*Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*

**Plymouth School District**

Jennifer Marten

*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Sheboygan Area School District**

Julie Huss

*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Stephen Schneider

*School Counseling/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

**Shell Lake School District**

Alan Nauertz

*Science/Early Adolescence*

**Trevor-Wilmot Consolidated School District**

Tina Ghislain

*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Waukesha School District**

Amanda Desua

*School Counseling/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood*

Boyd Roessler

*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Wausau School District**

Elizabeth Channel

*Generalist/Middle Childhood*

**Wauwatosa School District**

Carolyn Curley

*Generalist/Early Childhood*

**Wisconsin Dells School District**

Michael Michalsky

*English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood*