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Wisconsin among 12 states with more than 100 new National Board Certified Teachers

MADISON – Wisconsin has 102 teachers who achieved five-year certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards this month, putting the state among 12 nationwide with more than 100 new National Board Certified Teachers for 2018.

In addition to those earning new board certification, Wisconsin has 42 teachers who renewed their national accreditation. Those who received national certification before 2017 have a 10-year credential. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) ranks Wisconsin 19th among states for the number of teachers with national certification. Overall, Wisconsin records 1,184 teachers with national board certification.

“Congratulations to those earning or renewing national board certification,” said State Superintendent and Governor-elect Tony Evers. “Through this rigorous process, these educators demonstrate dedication to their students, communities, and profession. This transformative investment in professional development has demonstrated benefits for our kids. That is why we included a strategy in our budget to close gaps based on national board certification.”

The Department of Public Instruction’s [2019-21 budget request seeks enhanced incentives for NBPTS teachers working in the state’s five largest districts](#). These districts – Milwaukee, Madison, Kenosha, Green Bay, and Racine – educate disproportionate shares of student groups experiencing our largest achievement gaps, making them key partners in closing gaps.

According to the NBPTS, research from across the country over the past decade confirms that students taught by board-certified teachers learn more than students taught by other teachers. The increased learning is estimated to be one to two months of instruction with even greater positive impact for low-income students. Most recently, a 2017 Mississippi State University study shows that, on average,

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kindergarten and third-grade students with a national board certified reading teacher perform at a significantly higher level on literacy assessments than their peers.

Nationwide, 3,907 teachers achieved national board certification and another 4,446 board-certified teachers successfully renewed their credential, bringing the total number of board-certified teachers to 122,155. National board certification is a performance-based, peer-reviewed process that requires teachers to demonstrate advanced knowledge, skills, and practice in their subject area through three portfolio entries and a computer-based assessment. The certification process, created by teachers for teachers, is based on the [Five Core Propositions and Standards for teaching](#). Certification is available in 25 areas across 16 subjects and four developmental levels.

<p style="text-align: center;">National Board for Professional Teaching Standards <i>Five Core Propositions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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The state of Wisconsin offers reimbursement of up to \$2,000 toward the cost for earning national board certification. Thereafter, public, private, or tribal school teachers who maintain their Wisconsin license and have a rating of effective or highly effective in the applicable Educator Effectiveness System can receive an annual stipend of \$2,500, doubled for those working in high-poverty schools, for each year of teaching with the national credential.

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NOTES: A list of new and renewed National Board Certified Teachers in Wisconsin follows. More information about national certification can be found online at <https://www.nbpts.org/>. This news release is available electronically at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2018-99.pdf>.

Wisconsin's 2018-19

National Board Certified Teachers

Newly Certified Teachers

Adams-Friendship Area School District

Tammie Alekna, Friendship
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Joel Johnson, Friendship
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Amery School District

Amy Klein, Saint Croix Falls
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Arcadia School District

Emily Instenes
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Beaver Dam Unified School District

Sarah Grey
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Stacey Hardesty, Mayville
Generalist/Early Childhood

Beloit School District

Dawn Lemirand-Poepping
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Cedarburg - First Immanuel Lutheran School

Kaethe Grabenhofer
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

Chippewa Falls Area School District

Molly Malone
Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

D C Everest Area School District

Kevin Podeweltz, Kronenwetter
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Eau Claire Area School District

Amanda Dohms
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Mariah Halling
Generalist/Early Childhood

Erin Peters
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Lindsay Rudebusch
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

Elmbrook School District

Ellen Linnihan, Brookfield
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Evansville Community School District

Christine Humberg
Generalist/Early Childhood

Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District

Amy Schaefer, Melrose
Generalist/Early Childhood

Gibraltar Area School District

Andrew Holdmann, Fish Creek
Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Green Bay Area Public School District

Barbara Borre
Generalist/Early Childhood

Emily Drain
Generalist/Early Childhood

Amy Kline
Library Media/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

Greendale School District

Natalie Cook, Hales Corners
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Hayward - Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa School

Tammy Moncel
Science/Early Adolescence

Holmen School District

AnnMarie Dahl, Onalaska
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Tracy Dobkoski
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Erica Kohlmeyer Zenke, La Crescent, Minn.
*School Counseling/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Diana Stratton
Science/Early Adolescence

Howards Grove School District
Sarah Hill, Sheboygan
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Jefferson School District
Sarah Schnuelle, Palmyra
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Kaukauna Area School District
Samantha Schmalzer, Appleton
Generalist/Early Childhood

Jodi St. Aubin, Little Chute
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Stephanie Streck, Sherwood
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Kettle Moraine School District
Angelique Byrne, Waukesha
Art/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Teresa Catania, Waukesha
Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Abigail Kean, Delafield
Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Nathaniel Weiss, Waukesha
Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Kickapoo Area School District
Erica Gretebeck, Westby
Generalist/Early Childhood

Andrew Lipski, Westby
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Kimberly Area School District
Megan Berger, Appleton
*Health Education/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Martin O'Donnell, Appleton
Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Madison Metropolitan School District
Andrea Dinndorf
English as a New Language/Early and Middle Childhood

Shaleen Eubanks
English as a New Language/Early and Middle Childhood

Mary Ann Feutz
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Karly Frisch
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Britt Kloehn, Oregon
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Marinette School District
Susan Peterson
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Medford Area Public School District
Christina Laduron
Generalist/Early Childhood

Menomonee Falls School District
Corynn Nordstrom
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

Milwaukee Public Schools
Jill Boeck
*School Counseling/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Katherine Bontempo
English as a New Language/Early and Middle Childhood

Matthew Harmon
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Anita Harrison
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

James Klein, New Berlin
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

David Walker
Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Monroe School District
Mathew Anderson
Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Mount Horeb Area School District
Molly Bilse, Barneveld
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

New Glarus School District
Kari Hedeman
Generalist/Early Childhood

Lexa Speth
Social Studies-History/Early Adolescence

Josie Wieser
Generalist/Early Childhood

New Richmond School District
Erin Baillargeon, Somerset
Science/Early Adolescence

Northern Ozaukee School District

Eric Meinnert, Fredonia
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Oconto Falls School District

Constance Rauterkus
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Onalaska School District

Shanon Rodenberg, Bangor
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Oneida - Oneida Nation High School

Melissa Sanders, Suamico
*School Counseling/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Oregon School District

Andrew Faulkner, Madison
*Physical Education/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Oshkosh Area School District

Nan Cottrell
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Margo Goff, Fond du Lac
*English as a New Language/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Sara McKittrick, Omro
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Owen-Withee School District

Kathryn Hatlestad
Generalist/Early Childhood

Racine Unified School District

Holly Baukin, Wauwatosa
Science/Early Adolescence

Christine Molitor, Mount Pleasant
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Jessica Narlow, Muskego
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Randolph School District

Thomas Plahuta
Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Reedsburg School District

Rachel Burkel
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Brenda Erdman
Physical Education/Early and Middle Childhood

Brenda Williams
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Rice Lake Area School District

Clarice Baumgartner, Cumberland
Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Sauk-Prairie School District

Heather Sternitzky, De Forest
Science/Early Adolescence

Somerset School District

Cory Lindenberg
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Spooner Area School District

Virginia Elsen
*World Languages/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Stevens Point Area Public School District

Ann Marchant
*English as a New Language/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Sun Prairie Area School District

Joanne Kilen
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Superior School District

Jasmine Haroldson
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Cariann Kinn
Generalist/Early Childhood

Robert Smith, Duluth, Minn.
Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Verona Area School District

Carla Bonsignore, Mount Horeb
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Lindsay Herb
Generalist/Early Childhood

Diana Lehnherr, New Glarus
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Jessica Reed, Madison
Generalist/Early Childhood

Waupun Area School District

Leigh Kohlmann, Oakfield
Science/Early Adolescence

Wausau School District

Elayna Clark
Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Patricia Zemke, Schofield
*Health Education/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

Wauwatosa School District
Michael Hayden
Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Michael Walhovd, Burlington
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

West Bend School District
Sarah Braatz
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Jennifer Feiter
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Whitefish Bay School District
Samantha Cruz
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

Whitewater Unified School District
Laura Grochowski, Mukwonago
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Michael Tamblyn, Fort Atkinson
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Anthony Tautges
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Wisconsin Rapids School District
Jean Robinson
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Wisconsin Dells School District
Teri Nelson
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Recertified Teachers

Eau Claire Area School District
Catherine Anderson
Science/Early Adolescence

Nicholas Sirek
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Fond du Lac School District
M Gillian Arbuckle King
Science/Early Adolescence

Franklin Public School District
Mary Fassbender
Science/Early Adolescence

Michelle Koenig
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Erin Krase-Minchk
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Cheryl Miracle
Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Kimberly Trendel
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Green Bay Area Public School District
Jennifer Secor
Generalist/Early Childhood

Hartford Union High School District
Lisa Bendall
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Hortonville School District
Jennifer Koenecke
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Kimberly Area School District
Stacy Shrode
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Madison Metropolitan School District
Jami Collins
Generalist/Early Childhood

Andrew Kuemmel
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Kellie Miller
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Manitowoc Public School District
Lisa Bodwin
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Menomonie Area School District
Michele Huppert
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Milwaukee Public Schools
Dana Acamovic
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Emily Cherone
Generalist/Early Childhood

Karen Rehorst Porras
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Mary Silva
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Mineral Point School District
Rachael Schroeder
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Mukwonago Area School District

Alison Wierzbicki
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Muskego-Norway School District

Patricia Hintz
Generalist/Early Childhood

Oconomowoc Area School District

Tina Heinecke-Kurtz
Science/Early Adolescence

Platteville School District

Ann Kroncke
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Maureen Vorwald

*Physical Education/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*

River Falls School District

Molly Coughlin
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Kimberly Serene

Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Rosholt School District

Sarah Lima
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Sheboygan Area School District

Christine Ahrens
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Jay Johnson

Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Rebecca Letter

Social Studies-History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Therese Urben

Generalist/Middle Childhood

Slinger School District

Kathryn Steedman
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

Sun Prairie Area School District

Jessica Edwards
Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood

Verona Area School District

Andrew Kruger
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Jason Strauss

Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Waunakee Community School District

Thomas Grunder
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Ellen Grunder

*World Languages Other Than English/Early Adolescence
through Young Adulthood*

Whitefish Bay School District

Rachel Grove
Generalist/Early Childhood

Whitewater Unified School District

Paul Majors
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence through
Young Adulthood*