

NATIONAL BOARD IN WEST CONTRA COSTA



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Our new cohort has begun meeting for the 2018-2019 school year. We are a diverse group with many years of experience. During our first meeting in September, we covered the Five Core Propositions, upon which the National Board process is based. In

October, we will delve more deeply into Proposition One.

The Five Core Propositions are:

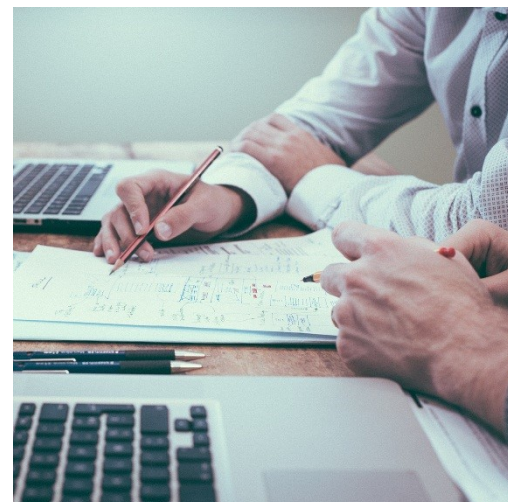
1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning.
2. Teachers know their subjects and how to teach those subjects.

“Every student deserves an accomplished teacher.”

3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning.
4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience.
5. Teachers are members of learning communities.

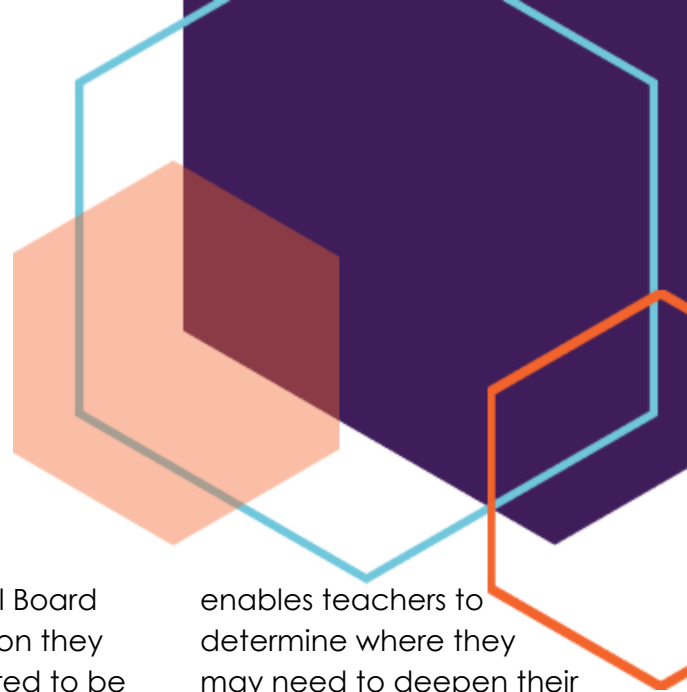
The candidates pursuing National Board this year are in these certificate areas:

Early Childhood Generalist
Middle Childhood Generalist
Music
Math
Library Sciences
English as a New Language
Exceptional Needs Specialist
English



WHAT IS NATIONAL BOARD?

It is a voluntary process for teachers looking to improve their practice. It is written by, updated by and scored by teachers.



To be eligible for National Board, teachers need to have a credential and be teaching in that credentialed subject area for three years.

Many mid-career teachers feel they need a “kick start” to remind them why they went into the profession in the

first place. National Board can be the inspiration they need. It is considered to be professional development that actually creates change in the classroom the year you do it.

Support helps you go through the process, but no one tells you how you should be teaching. Reflection

enables teachers to determine where they may need to deepen their practice.

National Board has changed from 10 components due in one year to four components that can be done over the course of five years.

WCCUSD offers monthly support on one Saturday a month, substitutes for two days as candidates get close to submission, and NBCTs who are teaching receive an annual \$3,000 stipend.

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