



National Board Teacher Newsletter



Greetings!

We welcome February with rain! Although the rain is wet, cold, and sometimes dreary, it also brings us the opportunity to slow down, quiet our minds, and reflect on what motivates and inspires us. With this in mind, this year marked the Twentieth Annual LAUSD-UTLA National Board Certified Teachers Conference sponsored by UTLA and co-sponsored by the Teacher Development and Support Branch! Over 500 NBC teachers participated in the virtual conference and had the opportunity to select from a variety of sessions developed and delivered by National Board Certified Teachers!

I found the following Japanese proverb- Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.- The NBCT Annual Conference was not a day with great teachers, it was a day with EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS! I am truly inspired by those who attended the conference to learn from one another and I am grateful to our presenters who not only shared best practices, but also inspired their colleagues to reflect and grow their instructional practice.

Lastly, a special "Thank you!" to Dr. Scott Mandel for his collaborative efforts to ensure the success of this conference.

Sincerely,
Maria

February 2024

Holiday

February 19, 2024
Presidents' Day

2023-2024 Mandatory Information Meeting for NBC Teachers

February 16, 2024, 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
(Invitation only – Participants will
be registered by your TDAS office.)

NBC Mentor Information Meeting

Upcoming Sessions:

February 28, 2024
March 11, 2024
April 15, 2024

(register via MyPLN)

NBC Office Hour Drop-in (3:30 PM – 4:30 PM)

Zoom

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/82617492667>

March 21, 2024
April 10, 2024
April 18, 2024
April 22, 2024

Newly Certified Recognition Program

To be announced

NBC FAQs:

<https://bit.ly/NBCTFAQ>

Mentoring

As a mentor, you play a valuable role in the success of a new teacher.

You can serve as a role model, an advocate, provide support, guidance, feedback, and advice to your mentee. If you have wondered what you can do when your mentee reaches out for support with parent communication, organization, or even when they say "Everything is fine," then consider some of the ideas shared by [Just Ask Publications](#).

NBC Mentor Resources:

[February Mentoring Calendar](#)

Referenced Pages:

Why Didn't I Learn This in College? p. [235-236](#)
p. [217-219](#) and p. [142-145](#)

What resource is available to support the instructional practices of new teachers?

The Division of Human Resources – Educator Development and Support Branch, has compiled teacher implemented instructional practices to support student success. The [Give One, Get One](#) handbook includes instructional practices, aligned to the Teaching and Learning Framework (TLF) for element *2c1: Management of Routines, Procedures, and Transitions*, and *Standard 3: Delivery of Instruction*. This handbook includes detailed descriptions of the practice as well as the intended content area. It is a resource for all teachers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

How might you support your personal growth and development? Task 5 allows you to select professional development (e.g., conferences, workshops, seminars) to enhance your practice.

You can log up to 10 hours. The Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) unit offers workshops on topics such as student engagement, designing lessons, equitable grading practices, building positive relationships with students, and more. The [PAR PD Schedule](#) has details on upcoming professional development and registration. Please be reminded to adhere to the Task 5 Guidelines and collect the required documentation for NBC hours submission.

What PD have you found valuable? Click on this link: <https://bit.ly/5taskNBC> and we will share the information in next month's newsletter.

Spotlight on Task 9: Caregiver Education



Great things are happening in the world of caregiver education! If you are looking for inspiration from your colleagues, look no further. Here are some caregiver education activities that have been presented to help parents and caregivers increase student achievement:

- Strategies to Improve Literacy Skills
- How to Support your Child Through Science
- Unbreakable Bonds: A Family Workshop on Building Healthy Relationship

As a reminder, caregiver education hours reported on the Task 9 Log must be conducted outside of contractual hours. Tasks 9a and 9b require documentation to be submitted with the log.

Please share your great activities with other NBCTs using this online form <https://bit.ly/9NBCtask>. We look forward to including your ideas in future newsletters.

Newly Certified Teachers

Thank you for attending the required NBC Information Meeting on January 11th.

You will be required to submit the signed Task 2a Log (which was emailed to you) along with the MyPLN Certificate of Completion under Task 2 for the 2 NBC hours.

By this time, you should have already uploaded your Principal Assignment Certification (PAC) document and receipt of completion of your Commitment Form to the Schoology NBC Course. **Both the PAC and Commitment Form are required for your LAUSD stipend eligibility to be determined.** Be sure to review and address your scorer's comments.

PAC: This form identifies you and your eligibility as an NBC teacher. Download it from Schoology and complete all required information. Have your principal select your eligibility box and sign the document (wet signature required). Scan and upload the document into the correct PAC folder for either part-time or full-time teacher. If you are in a part-time teaching position, you must submit two PACs to identify each position. For out-of-classroom positions, the official Job Description flyer must be submitted with your PAC for review and eligibility determination.

Commitment Form: The online Google form can be found in the Schoology NBC Course. Once you complete the online form, you will be emailed a confirmation of completion. Take a screenshot of the email confirmation (which should include your first and last name). Upload either the screen shot or the PDF of the receipt to the Commitment Form Folder in Schoology).

Spring Log Submission

Spring submission includes all Tasks, 1-10. Please be reminded of the following.

Collect required evidence/documentation at the time you engage in eligible tasks for NBC hours. Peruse the information at the bottom of each Task Activity Log for required documentation to be submitted. This includes pre-approval letters as indicated in certain task guidelines (i.e., Task 2b3).

Signatures must be physically drawn or wet signatures. Digital signatures with an authentication stamp are only accepted from pre-approved units (i.e., EDST, TGI, NBC, and iCAAP).

Re-name yourself in Schoology to include your last, first name prior to any submissions.

| Spring Logs are Due | April 28, 2024, 11:59 PM |
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| NBC Schoology Task Logs will open for completed tasks | March 28, 2024 at noon |
| Revisions are to be completed by the date indicated in the comments on Schoology. NBC Teachers are required to check regularly for requests/comments upon submission. | Date indicated in the comments on Schoology |
| Notify NBC Office of any Schoology Discrepancies | The week of June 3 – 6 , 2024 |
| Approved Spring Log Submission Hours | Appear on July 5th paycheck |
| Notify NBC of Pay Discrepancies | July 9, 2024 |

LA Unified Teacher of the Year Nominations

Due February 9th by 5PM

Let us recognize outstanding teachers in our District who have a strong commitment to their students, school, and community!

Nominations are now being accepted for Teacher of the Year!

District employees, students, parents, and community are invited to submit online nominations:

bit.ly/2024NominateTOY



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