National Board Certified Newsletter



Make February FABULOUS! Having passed the midway point of the school year, teachers may find themselves caught up in the daily grind. With this in mind, being intentional about teaching and mentoring becomes even more important. NBCTs have the opportunity to not only shape the academic skills of their students but also be a guiding influence in their colleagues' professional growth. Each interaction with students and colleagues is an opportunity to inspire.

Our annual Newly Certified National Board Teachers Recognition Event is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2025 at the Huffington Center. All newly certified National Board Teachers are encouraged to RSVP via the link/QR code found on the following page. A confirmation email will be sent prior to the event, and it will be used to confirm your attendance.

All NBCTs, especially those that are newly certified, who interested in mentoring new teachers and/or submitting hours under TASK 1, must attend the TDAS Mentor Information Meeting on an annual basis. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2025. Please register in MyPLN.

As the Spring Task Log submission window approaches, NBCTs are encouraged to drop in during "office hours" to clarify any questions. Please refer to dates and times under the <u>Important Dates</u> column.

Remember we are here to offer assistance and support. Thank you for all that you do, Maria

February 2025

Black History Month Body Positive Month



Presidents Day Holiday- February 17, 2025

24-25 Annual Information Meeting for NBC Teachers February 12, 2025, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (Invitation only - Participants have been registered by the TDAS office)

TDAS Mentor Information Meeting February 27, 2025, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (Mandatory if logging Task 1 hours, except if mentoring for TGI exclusively. Register in <u>MyPLN</u>)

Office Hour Drop-In 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

February 19, 2025 March 19, 2025 April 7, 2025 April 9, 2025 April 25, 2025

Complete the interest survey <u>here</u> Zoom ID: 82617492667

RSVP by February 21st for the Newly Certified Recognition Event March 8, 2025

Log Submission J Spring – April 27, 2025

> NBC FAQs: https://bit.ly/NBCTFAQ

Highlights for the Month - Newly Certified

for Newly Centified Teachers Only

As the Teacher Development and Support Branch and NBC Program Team plans for the Recognition Event in your honor, we request the following item from you. Please complete your google slide at the link below so that we are able to showcase you, and your NBC accomplishment. Your slide will need to be completed as early as possible and by Friday, February 21, 2025.

https://bit.ly/2024NewlyCertifiedGoogleSlide



Saturday, March 8, 2025. If you haven't already done so, please <u>RSVP</u> as early as possible. The deadline to RSVP is

Feb. 21st.

https://bit.ly/RSVPNewlyCertifiedRecognitionEvent



Teacher Development and Support (TDAS) Mentoring

Are you mentoring a mentee under Task la through le? If so, be reminded that Tasks la through le Logs require your mentee's signature and it must be signed in ink. Task lb-ld Log requires the mentee's principal's signature in ink. In addition, the following two actions are required (not for mentors exclusively supporting TGI candidates):

- Attend one of the mandatory Annual TDAS Mentor Information Meeting (register in <u>MyPLN</u>).
- Complete the monthly Online Mentor Log.

Hours cannot be submitted without completing these requirements.

If you are interested in supporting a university intern or a provisional teacher, you are invited to complete the Online application. Matches are made throughout the school year. Please review the mentor application process <u>here</u>.

Optional Monthly Mentor PD (Task 8 hours) "Positive Behavior Intervention & Support"

Join us on February 13 at 4:30 PM for this virtual PD to help your mentees reflect on their practice and enhance their classroom management. Register in <u>MyPLN</u>.

2024-2025 Fundamentals of Mentoring

The optional **10-hour PD series**, Fundamentals of Mentoring, is offered to NBCTs who are supporting mentees under Task la through le, (not mentors exclusively supporting TGI candidates) and have not completed this course or the Foundations of Coaching session within the past 5 years may attend. **The next two-day, Saturday cohort is scheduled for March 1, and April 5. Register in <u>MyPLN</u>.**

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Closer Look/Second Look

Review the Ineligible Activities for NBC Hours prior to starting an activity.

See the NBC LAUSD District Policies section in the Schoology course.

- Some ineligible activities include but are not limited to:
 - Preparation or dissemination of materials, textbooks, test materials, classrooms, etc.
 - Activities that are related to a class, school club, or adjunct duty the teacher is responsible for, even if conducted outside of paid time.
 - Activities that are the responsibility of another staff member such as the Principal, Assistant Principal, or Coordinator.

Task 8: District Sanctioned Mentor Training

Excerpt of the Task 8 Guideline

- The Task 8 Logs are not posted in Schoology. The logs are provided and signed only by the training program staff/designee. Logs may not be signed by school administrator/designee.
- The following are approved sessions (subject to change during the year):
 - Mentor Training sponsored by Mentoring Programs for: Teacher Growth and Induction (TGI), Provisional, University Intern, Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave (TPSL), District Intern offered by iCAAP (iCAAP training is rarely available for NBC teachers).
 - Fundamentals of Mentoring Training all 10 hours must be completed within the same course, as scheduled in MyPLN (10 hours).
 - Special Topics in Mentoring offered by the TDAS Branch (i.e., Optional Monthly Mentor Professional Development).
- NBCT must be serving as a mentor and not receiving any other compensation for the training.
- Additional evidence may be required as indicted on the Task 8 Log (i.e., MyPLN certificate or certificate provided by the District-Sanctioned sponsoring program.

REMINDERS

When teachers are on an Official leave of absence, they are ineligible for the NBC compensation

(the base 7.5% and activities/ hours towards the 92 hours). NBC Teachers who will be on an **official leave of absence** are required to complete the Information Update Form posted in the Schoology course. This must be done before starting the leave and again when returning from leave. Upon returning from a leave, a new PAC must be submitted into the <u>Return from Leave</u> folder, in Schoology.

Attendees of the 21st Annual NBCT -**LAUSD Conference held on Saturday, January 25, 2025** will receive the Certificate of Completion and the Task 5 Log from the TDAS office this month via email. Each attendee must complete the pertinent information on the Task 5 Log before submitting it into Schoology.

The Task 5 Log and Certificate of Completion must be submitted for hours.

Spring Submission NBC Task Log

2025 Spring Log Important Dates

Submission Window Opens for Completed Logs Only	March 27, 2025
Spring Logs are Due	April 27, 2025, 11:59 PM
If a revision is offered - NBC teacher is required to check their submission for requests/ comments in Schoology.	Date indicated in comments in Schoology
Notify TDAS Office of any Schoology discrepancies.	June 2- June 6, 2025
Spring Log Submission Payment	On July 5th paycheck.
Notify TDAS Office of pay discrepancies.	July 6, 2025

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