

Advancing Accomplished Teaching

The research is clear: Teaching is the most important school-related factor that determines student success. More than a decade of [research](#) confirms that National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) positively impact student learning. That’s why education leaders across the country are advocating for [new ways](#) to bring accomplished teaching – and by extension, improved student learning – to scale using National Board Certification as a foundation for job-embedded, relevant and engaging professional learning.

With collaboration and commitment from school districts, unions and higher education institutions, a growing numbers of teachers, many of whom are organized in collaborative cohorts, are using the National Board certification process to examine and strengthen their teaching practice. This work is critical to the long-term success of our schools and to elevating the teaching profession.

“Our work at the National Board is based on the belief that every child across the country deserves to be taught by an accomplished teacher. When accomplished practice becomes the norm, the advantage will be significant, spreading beyond students and teachers to be felt by their communities, employers and society at-large.”

Peggy Brookins, NBCT, National Board President and CEO

2017 Statistics for Montana

Teachers Achieving and Pursuing National Board Certification*				
	Total New NBCTs in 2016-17	Total Renewed NBCTs in 2016-17	Total Number Certified	Number Currently Pursuing National Board Certification**
MT	9	10	169	94
Total	5,470	3,957	118,187	19,098

Top Five School Districts	
By total number certified	By current candidates**
Billings #2 (35)	Billings #2 (30)
Helena #1 (12)	Helena #1 (13)
Bozeman #7 (9)	Arlee #8-J (8)
Belgrade #44 (8)	Bozeman #7 (7)
Missoula County Public Schools #1 (8)	Missoula County Public Schools #1 (6)

*Source: Data reflects teachers' place of employment as self-reported in the National Board database as of January 2, 2018.

**Candidate total reflects all National Board candidates in progress and all first-time applicants who have paid the registration fee in the current assessment cycle as of January 2, 2018.