

# Navigating National Board BIPOC Cohorts 2025-2026



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## What is this?

- Are you an educator of color who is considering pursuing National Board Certification?
- Are you a CTA member looking to deepen your teaching practice and connect with other educators of color?

The California Teachers Association (CTA), the UCLA National Board Project, and the National Board Resource Center at Stanford (NBRC) are partnering to launch a third fully-funded cohort of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) teachers who are committed to earning their National Board Certification and serving as teacher leaders in their communities.

## What supports are offered?

- Regular, online BIPOC Cohort community-building and mentoring facilitated by National Board Certified teachers of color
- Stanford or UCLA's certification support group which offers regular opportunities to work with a group of educators and a National Board Certified facilitator in your content area and grade span
- Asynchronous materials and resources designed specifically for candidates in the Stanford or UCLA National Board program
- Individualized coaching on writing and artifact selection for the National Board portfolio components



**Applications are due:**  
**July 26, 2025 at 11:59 PM**

# What is National Board Certification?

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is a national standards board that defines and recognizes accomplished teaching across different subject areas. Educators seeking National Board Certification undertake a process in which they demonstrate accomplished teaching by completing four components:

- Component 1** • Content Knowledge
- Component 2** • Differentiation in Instruction
- Component 3** • Teaching Practice and Learning Environment
- Component 4** • Effective and Reflective Practitioner

National Board Certification provides meaningful, self-directed professional growth along with national recognition and opportunities for career advancement. For more information about earning National Board Certification, please visit: [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org).

## What is the CA National Board Incentive Program?

The California State Budget allocated \$250,000,000 to attract and retain National Board Certified Teachers in high-priority schools, which are defined as schools with 55 percent or more of its pupils classified as an English learner, foster youth, or eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

The program awards incentive grants of up to \$25,000, paid in \$5,000 installments, to any teacher who has attained National Board Certification and commits to teaching in a high-priority school for five years. The program also awards subsidies of \$2,500, paid in two installments, to teachers at high-priority schools who initiate the National Board Certification process.

The list of qualifying schools and other information about the program are available on the [California Department of Education website](http://California Department of Education website).

## What Support is Available for Candidates?



The [National Board Resource Center at Stanford](http://National Board Resource Center at Stanford) offers an online support group open to candidates from any certificate area, school type, or geographic location, and candidates are welcome to join at any time. The program costs \$500/year.



[UCLA National Board Certification Support](http://UCLA National Board Certification Support) offers candidate support from National Board Certified Teachers and professional learning facilitators. Participants meet virtually, and costs are variable depending on which components candidates pursue.



The [UTLA/LAUSD National Board Support Network](http://UTLA/LAUSD National Board Support Network) is dedicated to providing assistance to National Board candidates as they embark in the certification process. Using a network model, teachers work with one another to demonstrate that their practice is aligned with NBPTS standards.

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