



Teacher Development and Support Branch

Apply to Become a National Board Teacher

Have you been interested in pursuing NBC Certification but the cost has been an obstacle for you? Review the steps to see if you are eligible to apply for certification and the state subsidy.

Step 1) Visit the NBPTS website to review the NBC eligibility requirements.

<https://www.nbpts.org/certification/get-started/>

Step 2) Review the window to apply on the CDE website.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/pl/nbptscandidatesubsidy.asp>

Step 3) Review the 2025–2026 High Priority Schools List to see if your school is eligible. <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/pl/documents/highpriorityschools25-26.xlsx>

Step 4) You must first [register for an account with NBPTS](#) prior to applying for the subsidy award. There is no cost to create an account.

Step 5) Complete the 2025–26 Subsidy Application

The [2025–26 NBPTS Candidate Subsidy Application](#) opens November 3, 2025

This application is for new and continuing teachers in the process of pursuing a certification from NBPTS when teaching at a school on the Eligible High–Priority Schools List after July 1, 2025.

Application Window : Open November 3, 2025, through January 9, 2026 at 4 p.m.

For New Applicants: You must first [register for an account with NBPTS](#) prior to applying for the subsidy award. There is no cost to create an account.

Applicants will be asked to provide your candidate ID in the subsidy application. Subsidy applications with an invalid candidate ID will be rejected and applicants will be required to re-apply for the subsidy award.

Step 6) If you would like to be part of the Support Network LAUSD UTLA, reach out to Michael de la Torre at <http://www.thesupportnetwork.net/>