

Red Clay Consolidated School District
National Board Certification for Teachers

Application for District level Support

The Red Clay Consolidated School District strongly believes that teacher quality is fundamental to student achievement. We are dedicated to supporting teachers who continue to perfect their teaching practices. The National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) process exemplifies standards-based teaching, promotes differentiated instruction and emphasizes reflective, analytical teaching practices. It is a growth opportunity that enables teacher's professional advancement while remaining in the classroom.

Red Clay teachers that pursue this professional development opportunity will be provided district-level support in the following areas:

1. Reimbursement up to \$750 for costs related to the certification process. (A copy of your cancelled check or credit card statement along with receipts will be required. Reimbursement will be available upon **completion** of the process).

In order to receive the district-level support, the application form (page 2) must be completed and submitted to the Director of Professional Development.

2. **NBCT** candidates will have the opportunity to meet, plan and discuss components of the process for half a day on 2 of the district in-service days. (The two in-service days will be announced).
3. Video/audio support regarding the video lesson requirement will be provided (up to two lessons being videotaped). The candidate will be responsible for contacting the district for approval, videographer and making the necessary arrangements.

District approved videographer:
O.K. Video
406 Philadelphia Pike
Penny Hill
Wilmington, Delaware Phone: 762-2333

The bill for the videography should be sent to Red Clay's Director of Professional Development.

Videographer costs will be reimbursed if the candidate has submitted the application and received approval.

4. Candidates that need to retake a section(s) of the test will only be provided the following supports: in-service day support and video support, reimbursement is not allowed.

5. GRADUATE CREDIT FOR NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has a link to how NBCTs can possibly use National Board Certification for graduate-level credit. Before applying and paying for the graduate credit recommendation, the following describes the Department of Education's position on the use of these credits.

The Department considers the graduate credit through ACE for attaining National Board Certification to be in the same category as the Delaware Writing Project or the Delaware Reading Project. These projects offer educators the option of receiving graduate credit **or** of receiving a salary increase for completing the cluster. Teachers cannot receive financial incentives twice for the same work. Both salary increases are from the skills and knowledge funding line.

The situation regarding the graduate credit for National Board is the same. Because educators will receive the 12% salary supplement for attaining National Board Certification, they cannot use the graduate credits available through ACE for completing/attaining National Board Certification for another salary increase.



NBCT District-Level Support Application

Red Clay Consolidated School District

Teacher Name: _____

School: _____

NBCT Completion Date: _____

Please check the following district-level supports that you are applying for:

_____ Reimbursement up to \$750 (receipts must be included).
Reimbursement will be available upon completion of Process.

_____ Two half day in-service days to meet with and plan with other
NBCT candidates. Approved dates will be announced. Must
be approved by a building-level principal.

_____ Video support (up to two lessons). I will use the district-
approved videographer — “O.K. Video”.

I understand that the reimbursement supports are available only if I
complete the process of National Board Certification.

Teacher's name

Date

Director of Professional Development

Date

A copy of the approved application will be sent to the NBCT candidate and
remain on file with the Office of Professional Development.