

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SUPPORT**What is National Board Certification?**

National Board Certification is a demonstration of a candidate's teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards. It is a symbol of a commitment to excellence in teaching. When a teacher achieves a National Board certificate, it is a credential attesting to the fact that the teacher has been assessed by peers as one who is accomplished, makes sound professional judgments about student learning, and acts effectively with those judgments. For more information, go to the Teachers section of the Hawaii Department of Education website located at doe.k12.hi.us.

What kind of support will Project METALS provide?

- **Financial:** Receive a 50% reimbursement of the certification application fee. (Those who receive Project METALS financial support may not qualify for full DOE reimbursement.)
- **Personal:** Support groups with other National Board Certification participants and mentors who have received national certification.
- **Technical:** Access to video cameras and staff who can assist with video taping.

How Do I Qualify for Program Support?

- Meet the National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) minimum eligibility prerequisites (see below).
- Be employed by the Hawaii Department of Education in the McKinley Complex.
- Apply for certification in English as a New Language, Exceptional Needs, or English Language Arts to receive priority.
- Adhere to all National Board for Professional Teaching Standards requirements.

NBCT Minimum Eligibility Prerequisites:

- Possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
- Have completed three years of successful teaching at one or more early childhood, elementary, middle or secondary school(s).
- Hold a valid state teaching license for the three years of teaching described above.

Project METALS National Board Certification Support Request Form (complete all sections)**Name:** _____**School:** _____**Home Address:** _____**City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone (home):** _____**Phone (work):** _____ **Fax:** _____ **Phone (mobile):** _____**Email:** _____**Please check one:**

- First-time candidate
 Retake candidate
 Current candidate

Submit completed form: Fax to 956-3374 or mail to:
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