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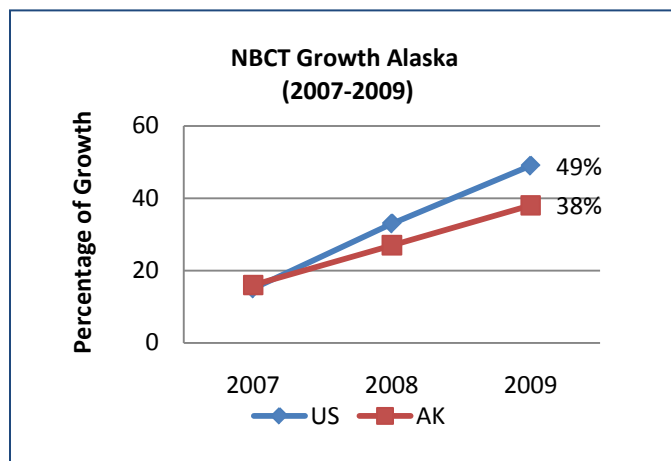
National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) by the numbers 2009*

Number of NBCTs	112
Number of new NBCTs	9
Percentage increase in number of NBCTs	9%

Carol Comeau

Superintendent, Anchorage School District

“I applaud all who take the challenge to achieve National Board Certification. I can attest that those teachers who have pursued this certification are our finest educators. They serve as role models, and have mentored many new educators in their careers. I know that the students in these nationally board certified teachers’ classrooms are benefiting daily from superior instruction. I am honored to work with these fine teachers and congratulate all teachers who have achieved the National Board Certification in our country.”



NBCTs comprise approximately 3 percent of the national teaching force and have won over a third of the 2010 State Teacher of the Year Awards and 2009 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Four of the five honorees of the National Teacher Hall of Fame and the 2010 National Teacher of the Year, Sarah Brown Wessling of Iowa, are NBCTs.

Alaska National Board Certified Teacher Highlights:

Jane Sandstrom – Fairbanks

2009 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Cynthia Marie Beale – Fairbanks

2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Susan Helen Buckley – Fairbanks

2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Alison Mall – Anchorage

2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching



- There are nearly 8,900 new National Board Certified Teachers nationwide—more than 82,000 teachers have been certified since the program’s inception.
- More than half of NBCTs are in Title I eligible schools as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics.
- States with the highest number of teachers achieving National Board Certification in 2009 were: North Carolina, Washington, South Carolina, Illinois and Florida. Fifteen states had at least a 20 percent increase in the number of 2009 NBCTs over the number of teachers who achieved certification in 2008.
- In a congressionally mandated report, the National Research Council (NRC) confirmed that National Board Certified Teachers advance student achievement and learning, stay in the classroom longer, support new and struggling teachers and assume other school leadership roles. The NRC acknowledged that students taught by National Board Certified Teachers make higher gains on achievement tests than students taught by non-board-certified teachers.

Top Five School Districts Statewide (by total number of NBCTs)

School District	Number of New NBCTs	Total Number of NBCTs
ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	49
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	23
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	0	7
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	0	6
SITKA SCHOOL DISTRICT	0	5

2009 State Incentives for NBCTs**

Fee Support	N/A
Salary Increase	N/A
Other Incentive	N/A

*These data reflect the number of NBCTs ever certified in the state as self-reported by the NBCTs

**Financial incentives may be subject to state imposed eligibility requirements, caps, or other restrictions. Additional incentives may also be offered by local districts on a case by case basis. The information above reflects the data available to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as of July 8, 2010. NBPTS is not responsible for the accuracy of the incentive and support information found herein. Please contact the appropriate state agency directly to ensure that the information listed is current and report any updates to outreach@nbpts.org.

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