

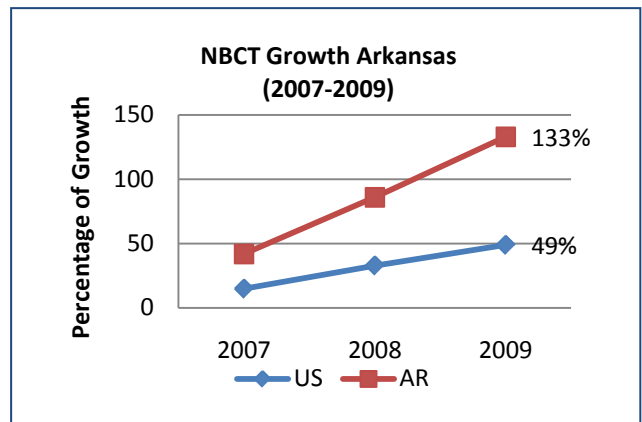


NBPTS® Arkansas

National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) by the numbers 2009*	
Number of NBCTs overall	1397
Number of new NBCTs	280
Percentage increase in number of NBCTs	25%

Arne Duncan
US Secretary of Education

“I’m a big fan of National Board Certification....What if every child had a chance to be taught by a National Board Certified Teacher? I think the difference it would make in our students’ lives would be extraordinary. As we move forward on this turnaround agenda nationally, I would love for National Board Certified Teachers to be at the forefront of that movement.”



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.

Arkansas National Board Certified Teacher Highlights:

- Vandy Nash - Little Rock, 2010 State Teacher of the Year
- Karen Ladd - Jonesboro, 2009 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
- Paul Gray, Jr. - Russellville, 2008 State Teacher of the Year Award
- Elizabeth Parker - Fort Smith, 2008 Milken Educator Award
- Monica Norwood – Little Rock, 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
- Sheri Shirley – Russellville, 2008 Milken Educator Award
- Jeffrey Harold Mosby - Fort Smith, 2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
- Margaret Lockhart – Rogers, 2007 Milken Educator Award



- 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
LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	24	145
N. LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	52
ROGERS SCHOOL DISTRICT	14	57
SPRINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	47
FORT SMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	55

2009 State Incentives for NBCTs**	
Fee Support	\$2,500 for first-time candidates
Salary Increase	\$5,000 annual bonus
Other Incentive	3 days release time

*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 12, 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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