

National Board Components

National Board Certification was designed to develop, retain and recognize accomplished teachers and to generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide. It is the most respected professional certification available in K-12 education. Initial certification requires four components to assess your level of accomplished teaching. It's designed to be flexible, fitting around your personal or professional responsibilities.

There are four components you will need to complete and submit for scoring. One is a computer-based assessment and the remaining three are portfolio entries.

Component 1: Content Knowledge

A computer-based assessment that requires you to demonstrate your understanding of content knowledge and pedagogical practices for teaching your content area. You must demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate content, which is necessary for teaching across the full range and ability level of your chosen certificate area.

This component counts for 40% of your total score.

[Component 1: Overview Video](#)

Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction

This portfolio entry requires that candidates gather and analyze information about individual students' strengths and needs and use that information to design and implement instruction to advance student learning and achievement. You will submit selected student work samples that demonstrate the students' growth over time and a written commentary that analyzes your instructional choices.

This component counts towards 15% of your total score.

[Component 2: Overview Video](#)

Component 3: Teaching Practice and Learning Environment

This portfolio entry requires video recordings of interactions between you and your students and among your students. You will also submit a written commentary in which you describe, analyze and reflect on the impact of your teaching on your students.

This component counts towards 30% of your final score.

[Component 3: Overview Video](#)

Component 4: Effective and Reflective Practitioner

This portfolio entry requires you to gather information from a variety of sources about a class of students with whom you work and demonstrate your knowledge of assessments and assessment practices to effectively plan for and positively impact student learning. You will provide evidence of collaboration with families, the community, and colleagues and the candidate's contributions to learning communities to advance student growth.

This component counts toward 15% of your final score.

[Component 4: Overview Video](#)