

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is a nonprofit independent teachers' organization that was established in 1987. Attaining this certification is a voluntary process that includes completing performance-based assessments that typically take one to three years to complete. There are four portfolio entries. Three are classroom based, with video recordings and student work samples serving as supporting documentation. A fourth entry is related to accomplishments outside of the classroom...with families, the community, or colleagues...and how they impact student learning. There are also six thirty-minute computer-based exercises that demonstrate content knowledge. Recent research shows that National Board Certification is an effective way to identify highly skilled teachers with regard to student achievement. We currently have 194 individuals in our district who have achieved National Board Certification. Of this number, 188 are classroom teachers and 6 now serve our district in administrative roles. This year, one of our new National Board Certified Teachers is a daughter of one of our current NBCTs. Ashlee Moore (Lake Myrtle Elementary School) is the daughter of Barbara Moore (Woodland Elementary School). This is the second time we are able to honor two generations of Pasco NBCTs. We would like to recognize these teachers for their achievement of this high honor and their professional commitment.

The new NBCTs in Pasco County for 2009 are:

Jennifer Ackett	Rodney B. Cox Elementary School
Becky Brown	West Zephyrhills Elementary School
Carol Ciadella	Gulfside Elementary School
Carrie Cohen	Centennial Elementary School
Marybeth Fausto-Zehmisch	Seven Oaks Elementary School
Kirsten Hudas	Centennial Elementary School
Tonya Kindberg	Trinity Elementary School
David Lammie	Chasco Middle School
Nicole Lijewski	Trinity Elementary School
Ashlee Moore	Lake Myrtle Elementary School
Laura Poorman	Double Branch Elementary School
Shannon Simon	Raymond B. Stewart Middle School