

# National Board Certification for Public School Teachers

House Bill 18

**Alaska Council of  
School Administrators**

*Leadership, Unity and  
Advocacy for Public Education*



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***Student achievement is  
our number one priority***

# ACSA's Joint Position Statements



## Preparing, Attracting and Retaining Qualified Educators

- Retaining effective educators and leaders is imperative to increase student achievement and eliminate academic disparity for all of Alaska's students. ACSA strongly encourages the development of comprehensive statewide programs to prepare, attract, and retain high quality, diverse educators and professionals.

# How does National Board Certification help?



- National Board Certification is recognized as the gold standard in teacher certification, the National Board believes higher standards for teachers means better learning for students
- Maintains high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do
- Builds leadership within classrooms, school buildings, and school districts
- Improves new teacher quality and retention

# Current National Board Certification numbers



- In the 2021 National Board Certification report, Alaska ranked 25th in the nation
- 2.64% of teachers have a National Board Certification

23	ME	2.77%
24	CA	2.76%
25	AK	2.64%
26	WI	2.54%

NBCTs February 27, 2021 report

# Current Challenges



- Certification costs \$1,900
- Board Certification typically takes 3 years to complete
- Only 12 testing centers in Alaska
- Teachers in rural communities have additional travel costs

# ACSA Supports HB 18



Increasing the share of Alaska teachers with National Board Certification is an important step, along with comprehensively addressing teacher recruitment and retention, to improve Alaska schools for all students. We are proud to support this policy and the goal of providing an effective teacher for all students.

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