

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses with "SCHOOL BUS" written on the front. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and various educational materials. A large white diagonal shape cuts across the image from the top left to the bottom right, serving as a background for the text.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Early Entry Grant



Kentucky Department of
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Accelerate Accomplished Teaching: NBPTS Early Entry Grant in Kentucky

- The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is leading the way by participating in the only national pilot program with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).
- This innovative grant provides 78 early career educators (1 to 3 years teaching experience) with professional learning opportunities to guide and support them through the process of becoming National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs).

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Why certify?

- Direct Impact on Students
- Relevant and Impactful Professional Development
- Created by Teachers for Teachers
- Changes Teacher Practice
- Open Professional Doors
- Financial Benefits

Eligibility

- National Board candidates must possess:
 - a bachelor's degree
 - a valid state teaching license
 - three years of classroom or school counselor experience at the end of the certification process

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Kentucky Support

- Professional learning and financial support for educators in years 1-3.
- Candidate commits to completing Components 1 & 2 by May 2023, and Components 3 & 4 by May 2024.
- Candidate is willing to commit up to 3 hours a week to engage in asynchronous professional learning.
- Candidates are expected to pay the \$75 registration fee, and component fees will be covered.



Pilot Program at Spencer County Middle School

- Four teachers in the pilot program
- Another four candidates working on initial certification.
- Seven NBCTs on their staff who work with the cohort as readers. They also offer support, and very valuable resources.
- The school has been extremely successful in their grow-your-own program since several of these first-years teachers seeking National Certification are former students.