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Six DCPS educators earn National Board certification

Six Daviess County Public Schools educators have earned designation as National Board Certified Teachers by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

These teachers join 46 others for a total of 52 active educators in the DCPS district who have achieved and maintained this exemplary standard of teaching excellence.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is an organization dedicated to improving schools and student learning by strengthening the quality of those who teach. The board sponsors a national certification process that measures a teacher's practices against high standards of excellence. This involves an extensive series of performance-based assessments that includes teaching portfolios, student work samples, videotapes and a thorough analysis of the candidates' classroom teaching and student learning. Teachers also complete a series of written exercises that explore the depth of their subject-matter knowledge as well as their understanding of how best to teach these subjects to their students.

Earning this designation is an extremely demanding process and only an elite few who attempt it are successful.

DCPS assistant superintendent for teaching and learning Jana Beth Francis, who is also an NBCT educator, said, "Teachers make a deliberate choice to complete National Board certification. These teachers have made a commitment to their students to learn more about their practice through intensive reflection and student. Speaking from experience as an NBCT, the positive effects will last throughout their careers."

DCPS teachers earning designation as National Board Certified Teachers and their areas of certification are:

Brittney Brasher – Middle Childhood Generalist

Brittney Brasher, a fourth-grade math and reading teacher at Sorgho Elementary School, is currently in her 15th year of teaching. "The knowledge I obtained through this process directly impacted my classroom instruction, which allowed me to focus on improving my instruction and meeting the needs of my students," she said. "I've grown exponentially as an educator during this adventure and will continue using the reflective practices I gained in this experience."



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Sandra Carrico – Middle Childhood Generalist

Sandra Carrico, a fourth-grade reading, science and social studies teacher at Sorgho Elementary School, is in her 16th year of teaching. “I was really excited about how the NBCT process and work submitted was focused on my curriculum, my instruction, and my students,” Carrico said. “I was intimidated at first, but the reflective and intentional teaching encouraged in our district and my school naturally lent itself to the NBCT work required.”

Allie Head – Adolescence and Young Adulthood English Language Arts

Allie Head teaches English (grades 10-12), Advanced Placement Language, AP Literature and grade-level courses at Daviess County High School. She is currently in her seventh year of teaching. “Pursuing my National Board Certification refined my instruction and challenged me to engage in reflective practices to better serve my students’ ever-changing academic needs,” Head said. “I’m thankful to be a part of a district that encourages teachers to pursue such impactful professional learning.”

Allie Lindow – Early and Middle Childhood Literacy / Reading and Language Arts

Allie Lindow, a second-grade teacher at Country Heights Elementary School, is currently in her ninth year teaching. “This challenging and rewarding experience of pursuing National Board Certification has had a positive impact on my teaching practice and my students,” Lindow said. “By continually striving for improvement through reflection, I hope to instill a love of learning in my students.”

Davey Mills – Early and Middle Childhood Physical Education

Davey Mills, a physical education teacher at Burns Elementary School, is currently in his 16th year as a teacher. “Going through this process helped me understand how to better manage and monitor student learning,” Mills said. Mills is the first DCPS physical education teacher to achieve the prestigious NBCT certification.

Stephanie Rhye – Early and Middle Childhood Literacy / Reading and Language Arts

Stephanie Rhye, a first- and second-grade teacher at Sorgho Elementary School, is currently in her 19th year of teaching. “The National Board Certification process required me to think intentionally about my students’ needs and how to structure my instruction to ensure I was meeting those needs,” Rhye said. “Because of my professional learning, I will be able to continue to positively impact student growth in my classroom beyond completing the NBCT process.”

DCPS district math instructional coach Jana Bryant, who is also an NBCT educator, said, “National Board certification is the highest professional distinction available in education, with benefits that extend far beyond the classroom, reaching into the entire community as the quality of teaching and learning is advanced.”

In the state of Kentucky, NBCT certification is one pathway to a Rank I professional certificate. For more information about National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and NBCT certification, visit <http://www.nbpts.org/national-board-certification/>



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Notes to media – Photographs of teachers listed in this press release are available upon request.

NBCT educators are available for interviews. Our media partners are invited to visit any of these outstanding teachers to share the excitement of high-level teaching and learning taking place in their classrooms. To schedule interviews, contact Jana Bryant at jana.bryant@daviess.kyschools.us or 270-852-7000 or 270-880-8054.

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