**Attention:**

Anyone interested in applying for your National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification!

If you have always wanted to apply for National Board Certification but wish it were more manageable with respect to time, now is your opportunity!

**CMS offers candidate support sessions as well to support you in your certification process!**

**December 13 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Study Group Meetings Spaugh PDC**

**January 10 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Study Group meetings Spaugh PDC**

Beginning this school year, 2014-2015, you may have three years to apply and complete the process for your National Board certification!

The cycle is as follows for INITIAL CANDIDATES!

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is currently revising the National Board Certification process. The changes to the certification process are being phased-in over a three-year period beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Candidates beginning the certification process in 2014-2015 will be able to complete the process during the 2016-2017 school year and receive their final results in November or December of 2017.

The new certification process will consist of four components:

Component One: Content Knowledge (available for most candidates in 2014-2015)

Component Two: Differentiation in Instruction (available for most candidates in 2014-2015)

Component Three: Teaching Practice and Learning Environment (available in 2015-2016)

Component Four: Effective and Reflective Practitioner (available in 2016-2017)

**Exceptions**

* CTE: Components One & Two will not be available until 2015-2016 due to standards revision.
* Music: Component One will not be available until 2015-2016.
* World Languages: Component One will not be available until 2016-2017.

**There will be an information session for INITIAL CANDIDATES on the following date and time:**

**Information session Saturday, December 13th 9:30 AM-10:30 AM at Spaugh PD**

**Questions?**

**See our wiki at:** [**http://pdsupport.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/National+Board+Information**](http://pdsupport.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/National+Board+Information)

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