



Welcome back to a new school year!

As we begin a new school year, we want to extend a warm welcome back to you, our National Board Certified Teachers. A new school year brings new opportunities—to grow, to inspire, and to lead. Your unwavering dedication, passion, and professionalism continue to shape the lives of students and elevate the entire educational community.

As you prepare your classrooms, fine-tune your lessons, and set goals for the months ahead, I encourage you to keep in mind the lasting impact you make. Your influence reaches far beyond the four walls of your classroom—igniting curiosity, fostering confidence, and nurturing a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.

Let's embrace this school year with enthusiasm, collaboration, and a shared commitment to excellence. May it be filled with meaningful connections, professional growth, and student success. We are honored to begin this journey with such a passionate and inspiring group of educators.

Maria

Joy and Wellness

Yoga can be a game-changer for teachers—both in and out of the classroom. It supports not only physical health, but also emotional well-being and mental clarity, which are essential for managing the demands of teaching.

Yoga reduces stress and anxiety, improves health, relaxes muscle tension, encourages self-awareness and patience, leads to more restful sleep, and supports emotional regulation.

The District's Health and Wellness Fitness Program has several fitness videos, including yoga. Click [here](#) for the videos.

August 2025



Important Dates

August 14th – First Day of School
August 29th – Admission Day
September 1st – Labor Day

Due Dates

PAC/Commitment Form was due
June 9, 2025
(Submit to Schoology)

Anyone changing positions
August 22, 2025

Annual Information Meeting for NBC Teachers (mandatory)

All active and eligible NBC Teachers must attend 1 session

(Register via MyPLN)

August 21st 4:30PM-6:30PM (East)
August 25th 4:30PM-6:30PM (North)
August 27th 4:30PM-6:30PM (South)
August 28th 4:30PM-6:30PM (West)
September 10th 4:30PM-6:30PM (make-up)

Office Hour Drop-In

September 17th 3:30PM-4:30PM

Zoom

<https://lausa.zoom.us/j/82617492667>
ID: 82617492667

2025-2026 TDAS Mentor Information Meeting

for all NBC Teachers supporting any teacher
under Task 1a through 1e
(not TGI)

(Register via MyPLN)

Wednesday, August 20th
Thursday, September 12th



Log Submission Dates

Fall – November 2, 2025
Spring – April 26, 2026

Highlights for the Month

NOW OPEN: Register for the 2025–2026 NBC Annual Information Meeting for NBC Teachers (Mandatory – 2 Hours)

All active and eligible National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) are required to attend the Annual Information Meeting for the 2025–2026 school year. Register via [MyPLN](#). You are encouraged to register early and select the session offered for your region. If you're unable to attend your region's session, you are welcome to attend a session offered on a different date.

Upon verification of your attendance and submission of the attendance and reflection forms, you will receive the Task 2 Log from our office. Please save it by downloading the Log and placing it in your files along with the MyPLN certificate. **The Task 2 Log and the MyPLN certificate will be required to submit for NBC hours.**



2025–2026 NBPTS Certification Incentive Application

The 2025–26 NBPTS Certification Incentive Application opens November 3, 2025. This application is for new and current eligible NBCT's teaching at a school on the Eligible High–Priority Schools List. For details and information, please visit the [California Department of Education website](#).

Reminder: Check your National Board Certification expiration date to ensure you stay current! If your certification is due to expire soon, now is the time to:

- Review the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirements
- Plan ahead to gather evidence and complete the renewal process
- Stay informed about important deadlines and submission windows



Thank you for your continued commitment to accomplished teaching!

Teacher Development and Support (TDAS) Mentoring

Make a Lasting Impact – Become a Mentor Today!

Would you like to make a meaningful difference in the career of a new teacher? Here's your chance! The Teacher Development and Support (TDAS) Mentor Program is currently seeking mentors for University Interns and Provisional Teachers.

Why Become a Mentor?

- Help shape the next generation of educators
- Share your knowledge, strategies, and support
- Foster a collaborative and growth-minded professional community
- Earn NBC hours by providing eligible support under Task 1 (check the NBC guidelines for full details)

Some new teachers must have a mentor, depending on their credential type and years of experience. Together with your new teacher, you can verify their credential details by using the CTC Public Search: <https://www.ctc.ca.gov>

Ready to Mentor? If you're interested and haven't applied yet, please fill out the online application form: [TDAS Mentor Program Application – LAUSD](#)

Approved applications remain valid for 5 years.

Task 8 Hours

2025–2026 TDAS Mentor Information Meeting (flyer)

If you are mentoring a teacher under Task 1 (excluding those exclusively supporting TGI candidates), you are required to attend one of the TDAS Mentor Information Meeting in order to submit Task 1 hours. Register via [MyPLN](#) for one of the following sessions: August 20 or September 18.

The next optional TDAS Monthly Mentor PD will be held on September 15th, 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM. This PD on "Creating a Community of Learners" will help mentors guide mentees to successfully begin the school year. Register via [MyPLN](#).

2025–2026 Fundamentals of Mentoring

This optional 10-hour PD series is offered to NBCTs who are supporting mentees under Task 1a through 1e (not mentors exclusively supporting TGI candidates) and have not completed this course or the Foundations of Coaching session within the last 5 years. The next cohort begins in September. Register via [MyPLN](#)



Closer Look/Second Look

Review the flyer for **Special Opportunities** that are available with:

- Educator Development and Support
- Peer Assistance and Review Program
- TDAS Mentor Program
- Personalized Learning Systems
- Teacher Growth and Development



**2025–2026
Special Opportunities
National Board Certified Teacher**

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Task 1: Teacher Support Spotlight

MENTOR REMINDERS:



- Before beginning support, **confirm a new teacher's eligibility** and verify their credential type and status.
 - Visit the CTC Public Search: [Visit the CTC Public Search](#)
 - Click on the "ALL DOCUMENTS" tab to view full credential history.
- **Each new teacher/mentee can be supported by only one NBCT** under Task 1.
- Log monthly support hours using the **online Monthly Mentor Log** in Schoology. This must be submitted by the 5th of each month.
- **Maintain the Task 1 Log.** This running record of support must be signed in ink each month when support is provided.
- NBCT will submit one Task 1 log per mentee each time an NBCT submits NBC Task 1 Hours (in November and/or April). The exception is if the mentee's eligibility status changes. Then, NBCT will start a new Task log matching the mentee's changed eligibility.
- **All signatures are required to be in ink.**



For the month of **August ONLY, National Board Certified Teachers may log up to 15 hours of mentor support** if they are:

- Assigned to mentor a teacher under Task 1a,

or

- Supporting a teacher under Task 1b-2.

This **does NOT apply to TGI mentor support.** The TDAS branch will honor this amendment. No additional documentation is required for these extra August hours.

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Reminder: Leaves of Absences Process

NBC Teachers who are beginning and/or returning from a leave of absence are required to complete the Information Update Forms located in the NBC Schoology Course in the General Information folder. Upon returning from a leave, an updated PAC is also required.

[RETURNING FROM A LEAVE INFORMATION UPDATE](#)

[LEAVE OF ABSENCE](#)

NBC Task Log Submission Fall Dates

Optional FALL LOG SUBMISSION	On February 5, 2026 paycheck
Fall Log Due in Schoology	Due November 2, 2025
Revisions NBC Teachers are required to check for comments and monitor for the resubmission request date.	Date indicated in comments on Schoology
Notify TDAS Office of any Schoology discrepancies	January 12-16, 2026
Notify TDAS Office of pay errors.	February 9, 2026



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