



Hello
September

As the excitement of the new school year gives way to established routines, you are encouraged to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful work you engage in on a daily basis. The victories that began as small challenges and the moments of genuine connection with students define your success as an educator. The impact you make with our students extends far beyond the classroom and leaves a lasting impression in their lives.

At this time, the TDAS team conducted our initial annual NBCT information meetings for each region. We acknowledge that the beginning of the year can be very busy and appreciate the time you made to attend. If you were unable to attend one of these meetings, a make up session has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 10th. As a reminder, your participation for this annual meeting is mandatory each year to receive important updates about the National Board Certification (NBC) program. Please be advised that the Task 2 log for attending this meeting will not be sent to you via email. To streamline your documentation for NBC hours, our office will process your hours by verifying your attendance via sign in and reflection form submittal. Your two hours for attending this meeting will be submitted during Fall log submission window and should be reflected in the February payroll. This modification will only take place for the 2025-2026 Annual NBC Information Meeting (2 hours).

As stated during our annual meeting, the CA NBPTS program has not issued state incentives to our District. We will continue providing you information as it becomes available.

We look forward to your continued engagement and dedication.

Maria

Joy and Wellness

Did you know that practicing mindfulness benefits both teachers and students? Mindfulness is the practice of bringing one's attention to the present moment in a calm and non-judgmental way. In education, it helps improve focus, emotional regulation, and overall well-being. By training the brain to stay present, mindfulness reduces distractions and strengthens the ability to remain engaged with tasks. As a result, both students and teachers can enjoy a more positive, focused, and productive classroom environment. Bring mindfulness into the classroom with [Headspace for Educators](#).

September 2025

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month
National Suicide
Prevention Month



Important Dates

September 1st- Labor Day

Reminder

The PAC and Commitment Forms were due on June 9th.

Annual Information Meeting for NBC Teachers (mandatory)

All active and eligible NBC Teachers must attend 1 session
(Registration is required via [MyPLN](#))
September 10th 4:30PM-6:30PM
(make-up)

Office Hour Drop-In

September 17th, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Complete the interest survey [here](#)

Zoom

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

TDAS Mentor Information Meeting

for all NBC Teachers supporting any teacher under

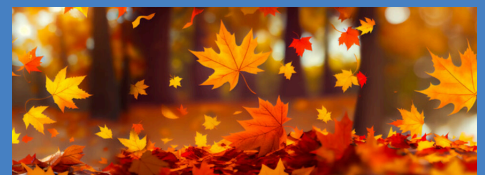
Task 1a through 1e (not TGI)
(Registration required in [MyPLN](#))

September 18th, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Log Submission



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



Highlights for the Month



Task 8 Reminder

A maximum of 21 hours may be logged for Task 8: District-Sanctioned Mentor Training. Please keep in mind the following:

- A Task 8 Log will be provided and must be signed by the training program staff or designee.
- The NBCT must be actively serving as a mentor in order to qualify for the training.
- Only the following District Sanctioned Mentor Training are eligible:
 - Mentor Trainings sponsored by Teacher Development and Support (TDAS), Teacher Growth and Induction (TGI), Provisional, University Intern, and Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave (TPSL), Fundamentals of Mentoring, Special Topics in Mentoring (TDAS), and some District Intern/iCAAP training.
- **Review the Task 8 guidelines for the full list and max hours for each program.**



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](#).



Drop-in Office Hour sessions are available to provide you with dedicated time for personalized support in a one-to-one or small group virtual setting. Join us on any of the dates below to ask questions, get clarification, or get support on NBC related topics. Upcoming sessions will be held on: September 17, October 20, 23, and 30. Complete the interest survey [here](#).

Teacher Development and Support (TDAS) Mentoring

Your role as a mentor is essential to the growth, development, and retention of novice teachers. By guiding and supporting new educators, you help them build teaching competence, establish positive habits, and foster a sense of belonging—all of which are critical to their well-being and long-term success.

Here are some additional mentor responsibilities to consider:

- Lead by example
- Serve as an advocate
- Serve as a resource and the “go-to-person”
- Model reflective practice
- Engage in collaboration

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<https://bit.ly/MENTORNOW>

Mentor Trainings (Task 8 hours)

2025–2026 TDAS Mentor Information Meeting

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. The next meeting will be on September 18. Register via [MyPLN](#).

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 improve practices that promote a safe and respectful classroom environment. Register via [MyPLN \(flyer\)](#).

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

Have you experienced a recent change in your information?

Have you moved or changed your address? Are you now working at a new school site? Is your National Board certificate expiring, or have you recently completed your Maintenance of Certification?

To keep the Teacher Development and Support Branch office updated, please complete the appropriate form:

- Leave of Absence
- Returning from Leave
- NBC Change of Assignment Update
- NBC Certification Information
- Change in Personal Information
- Retiring/Leaving the District

All forms can be found in the General Information section of the NBC Schoology course.

Task 2: Teacher Leader

REMINDERS:



- **Task 2 Special Opportunity** (i.e., PAR, TGI, EDST) **Logs** will be provided by the host unit.
- **Task 2b1** is primarily for the purpose of bringing various stakeholders together: school caregivers, community members, and students. The experience for the participants during this single event should be multi-faceted for the event participants. Examples of single qualifying events include Math, STEAM, or Literacy Night.
- **Tasks 2a special opportunities, 2b2, 2b3, and 2d require pre-approval** from the TDAS branch prior to the start of the activity. Pre-approval requests can be emailed to epk9958@lausd.net.
- **All signatures are required to be in ink.**
- **Ineligible for NBC Task 2** include, but are not limited to:
 - Preparation or dissemination of materials, textbooks, test materials, classrooms, etc.
 - Work with or supervision of students.
 - Activities conducted outside of paid time that are related to a class, school club, or adjunct duty.
 - Coordination of field trips, mobile museums, or experiences.
 - See the full list of ineligible activities in the Task 2 guidelines.



Mandatory Task 2 Meeting

Have you attended the 2025-2026 Annual Information Meeting for NBC teachers? **All active and eligible National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) are required to attend the Annual Information Meeting for the 2025-2026 school year. The make-up session will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM.** Registration is required via [MyPLN](#).

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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