



Hello February

Elevate your impact this February. Passing the mid-year mark often brings the challenge of routine. However, this is precisely when intentional teaching and mentoring matter most. As National Board Certified Teachers, you possess the leadership to shape student success and fuel the professional growth of those around you. Let's treat every classroom and hallway conversation as a chance to lead by example.

Our annual Newly Certified National Board Teachers Recognition Event is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the Knollwood Country Club. All newly certified National Board Teachers are encouraged to RSVP via the link found on the following page.

All NBCTs, especially those that are newly certified, who are interested in mentoring new teachers and/or submitting hours under Task 1, must attend the TDAS Mentor Information Meeting on an annual basis. You may register for the next meeting on February 26, 2026 via MyPLN.

The Spring Task Log submission window is just around the corner! All NBCTs are encouraged to drop in during "office hours" to clarify any questions. Remember, we are here to offer assistance and support.

Thank you for all that you do!

Maria

Joy and Wellness

February can get demanding for mentor teachers who are balancing their own classrooms while supporting the growth of new teachers. Meaningful work can be mentally and emotionally taxing. Wellness practices can make a difference in sustaining your health and capacity to support others.

- Check in with another mentor to share a win or a challenge. Mentoring can feel isolating. Know that you are not alone!
- Choose one boundary that protects your personal time (i.e., no responding to messages after a certain hour).
- Get some sunshine and take a brief walk outdoors, even for a few minutes.
- After mentoring, take a minute to reset with deep breaths.

Supporting others starts with caring for yourself.

February 2026



Important Dates

February 16, 2026
Presidents' Day Holiday

February 12, 2026
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
NBC Annual Information Meeting
(make-up, invite only)

NEWLY CERTIFIED RECOGNITION EVENT FEBRUARY 28, 2026

RSVP BY
February 10, 2026
bit.ly/RSVPNewlyCertified

Office Hour Drop-In

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
February 19, 2026
March 19, 2026
April 9, 2026
April 13, 2026

Complete the interest survey [here](#)
Zoom ID: 82617492667



Log Submission

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

NBC FAQs:
<https://bit.ly/NBCTFAQ>

Kindness
is a gift
anyone
can afford



Highlights for the Month of February



For Newly Certified NBC Teachers

We are looking forward to celebrating you and your accomplishment on Saturday, February 28, 2026.

If you haven't already done so, please reply to the invitation by:

February 10, 2026

<https://bit.ly/RSVPNewlyCertified>



For Newly Certified Teachers Only

If you will be joining us, please complete your [Google Slide](#) so that we are able to showcase you, and your NBC accomplishment.

Your slide will need to be completed by Friday, February 14, 2026.

Teacher Development and Support (TDAS) Mentoring

Coaching from a facilitative stance leads to long-term growth because it helps mentees build their own capacity to reflect, problem-solve, and make intentional decisions. Rather than telling a mentee what to do, mentors using a facilitative approach guide them toward their own insights and understanding. Ask questions that are:

- Rooted in curiosity – seek to understand rather than confirm or correct.
- Create safety – affirm and invite reflection without judgment, blame, or evaluation.
- Surface meaning or beliefs – help your mentee examine the “why” behind their choices.

When mentors consistently use facilitative questions, they help mentees develop a reflective process they can use again and again. That's where lasting growth happens.

LOOK!

For Current TDAS Mentor Opportunities visit: bit.ly/MENTORNOW

Provisional Teacher contact – Sharla Rucker: slr8777@lausd.net
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Upcoming Mentor Trainings – Task 8

2025–2026 TDAS Mentor Information Meeting (mandatory)

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 Meetings in order to submit Task 1a through 1e hours. The next meeting will be on **February 26, 2026**, 4:30–6:30 PM. Register via [MyPLN](#).

The next **TDAS Monthly Mentor PD** (optional) will be held on **February 25, 2026**, 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM. This PD will strengthen your coaching skills and also help you guide your mentees to use data for planning and instruction. Register via [MyPLN](#).

2025–2026 Fundamentals of Mentoring

This optional 10-hour PD series begins **February 21, 2026**. If you are supporting mentees under Task 1a through 1e (not exclusively supporting TGI candidate teachers) and have not completed this course or the Foundations of Coaching session within the last 5 years, you may attend. Register via [MyPLN](#).



Closer Look/Second Look

REMINDERS

- Drop-in Sessions are available to get your questions answered, clarify NBC Task guidelines and criteria, and receive help navigating the NBC Schoology course. For dates and to complete the interest survey, click [here](#).
- Before starting any activity, review the task guidelines, qualifying criteria, required documentation, and the list of ineligible activities.
- As soon as you complete a course in MyPLN – or any meeting or professional development that provides a certificate – download and save it immediately. Store certificates in a dedicated electronic folder so they're easy to find when it's time to submit your activity logs. Staying organized now will save you time (and stress!) later.
- Signatures on the Task Activity Logs are required to be wet signatures.

Task 8: District Sanctioned Mentor Training

Reminders per Task 8 guidelines:

- 21 maximum hours
 - Currently Approved District-Sanctioned Mentor Sessions are (subject to change):
 - Mentor Training sponsored by Mentoring Programs for: Teacher Development and Support Branch and NBC Program (TDAS/NBC- 21 hrs. max), Teacher Growth and Induction (TGI - 18hrs. max.), Provisional, University Intern (16hrs. max), Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave (TPSL- 16hrs. max.), District Intern (offered by iCAAP (DI) please note: iCAAP training rarely available for NBC teachers- Maximum hours vary by program, (seeTask log).
 - Fundamentals of Mentoring Training all 10 hours must be completed within the same course, as scheduled in MYPLN- 10 hours.
 - Special Topics in Mentoring (offered by the TDAS Branch).
 - Only District-Sanctioned Mentor Professional Development provided by Los Angeles Unified School District Central Office, Region or Teacher Development and Support (TDAS) Branch office qualifies, unless the NBCT gets written pre-approval from the TDAS Branch.
 - The Task 8 Log is provided and signed by the training program staff/designee.
 - Task 8 log must show the signature of the instructor or program staff – NOT a school administrator/designee signature.
 - Only District Sanctioned Mentor Training on the currently approved list is eligible.
- The NBCT must be serving as a mentor and not receiving any other compensation for the training.

Special Opportunity

S Our Personalized Learning System - Schoology - is seeking support from four NBC teachers per region to provide feedback on a new Google Assignment App they will be introducing into Schoology. If this is of interest to you, visit the Special Opportunity page for details. The link will be available on February 11, 2026.

Task Log Submission Preparation

Preparing for Task Log Submission: All required documents must be submitted at the time of your initial Task Log submission. **Only completed task activities with the required documents, such as agendas, official PD certificates, attendance roster, etc. will be reviewed.** Once the Task Activity Log has been uploaded, no additional documents may be added.

*Please refer to the Task Guidelines for details.

NBC Task Log Spring Submission Important Dates

Spring Logs Due in Schoology	Due April 26, 2026
NBC Teachers are required to monitor their submission and respond to comments by the requested date.	Date indicated in comments in Schoology
Notify TDAS Office of any Schoology discrepancies	June 1-5 2026
Notify TDAS Office of pay errors.	July 6, 2026
Spring Log Due in Schoology	April 26, 2026
SPRING LOG SUBMISSION	Payment on: July 5, 2026 paycheck



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