



HAWAI'I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

November-December 2011

Highlights of new HTSB policies passed at the November 18 and December 9, 2011 Board meetings. View all new policies by going to www.htsb.org and clicking on Board Meeting New Business Items (NBIs) at the bottom of the homepage.

NEW NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFIED TEACHERS ANNOUNCED

59 Hawaii school teachers have earned their National Board Certification. They join the ranks of the 284 Hawaii teachers who presently have Nationally Board Certification. National Board Certified Teachers are highly accomplished educators who have successfully met high and rigorous standards. Additionally, 11 teachers have renewed their National Board Certification for 10 years by going through a process which is designed to help them build on the ongoing and complex professional growth process that supports accomplished teaching.

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) Chairperson, Terry Holck, states "The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board would like to congratulate the 59 new National Board Certified teachers who have successfully undertaken the rigorous National Board Certification process and demonstrated their content knowledge and teaching skills against the most advanced standards in the nation. We would also like to commend the 11 teachers who renewed their National Board Certification this past year. The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board is proud of its commitment to teacher excellence by providing subsidies and support sessions to Hawaii's teachers who elect to go through this process. Every day, these accomplished teachers are having a positive impact on students in Hawai'i".

Governor Neil Abercrombie will join the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board in honoring these teachers at the State Capital in January 2012.

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CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO HAWAII TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS

The HTSB approved the following new state approved teacher preparation programs in Hawaii:

- Teach for America received approval to implement their own program to prepare teachers for licensure in elementary and secondary education;
- The University of Hawaii-Manoa's Physical Education Program was approved to add PE K-6 and PE 7-12 to the existing PE K-12 program level;
- The University of Phoenix-Hawaii was approved to add an undergraduate Elementary Education K-6 program.

NEW SCHOOL COUNSELOR STANDARDS

HTSB reviewed new performance standards for school counselors at the November 18 meeting. These standards are based on the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model Standards for the initial preparation of school counselors. ASCA states that "these standards are an important tool in the school counselor's own self-evaluation and advocacy, and will help focus personal and professional development plans.

HTSB will convene a panel of K-12 school counselors and school counselor preparation faculty from schools statewide to give feedback on the new standards prior to final adoption.

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