



HAWAI'I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

September 2011 eNewsletter

Highlights of new HTSB policies passed at the September 23, 2011 Board meeting. 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.

- HTSB approved additional license fields for **World Languages** and new licensure tests for these fields. Current ETS licensure tests for French, Spanish and German will continue to be available. You may read about the additions in New Business Item 11-20 on the HTSB website.
- Teachers applying for the **Advanced License** have new options for paying for the **ten year** license in New Business Item 11-12. You have the following options:
 - Online options with credit card or eCheck:
 - Pay in full (\$480);
 - Make two payments (\$240 each payment) at the first year and fifth year of the license;
 - Make yearly payments (\$48 each year) for the first five years and then the remainder (\$240) at year five;
 - Payment to the HTSB office by cashier's check or money order:
 - Pay in full.
 - Hawaii is the only state that offers teachers a "payment plan" to pay for their professional license.

It's the law that teachers must keep their license current!

NBPTS Support Sessions Online

HTSB is offering free, online, statewide National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) support sessions four times a month.

For your convenience, sessions are offered on two Thursday afternoons and two Saturday afternoons during the month. Contacts for information and registration are:

Carolyn Kirio at ckirio3@yahoo.com
for **Saturday** afternoon sessions

Tracey Idica at traceyidica@gmail.com
for **Thursday** evening sessions.

Renew Your License and Pay Fees Online

All teachers must keep their professional license current. You may pay your license fee online by selecting a payment plan and using a credit card or eCheck or you may pay the fee in full by cashier's check or money order directly to the HTSB office. You may renew your license online up to six months prior to the expiration date. You will be asked to affirm that you meet the Hawaii Teacher Performance Standards and that you had satisfactory teaching experience within the last five years. Once you renew, your record is automatically updated!