

SURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Surry County Schools Educators Earn National Board Certification

According to the 2022 National Board database, North Carolina public school classrooms are welcoming 399 newly-certified and 1,126 renewed National Board teachers. This newest batch of credentialed teachers brings the state's total number of National Board Certified Teachers to 23,090– the largest number of National Board Certified teachers in the nation.

Peggy Brookins, NBCT, National Board President and CEO, says, “Our work at the National Board is based on the belief that every child across the country deserves to be taught by an accomplished teacher. When accomplished practice becomes the norm, the advantage will be significant, spreading beyond students and teachers to be felt by their communities, employers, and society at-large.”

At Monday night's Board of Education meeting, three teachers received recognition for obtaining National Board certification. National Board Certification is a voluntary program, and these three teachers worked hard for this accomplishment. With the addition of these three teachers, Surry County Schools currently has 70 teachers in the district who have earned this certification:

- Kindle Giles, Exceptional Children Teacher at Franklin Elementary School
- Lauren Simpson, 4th Grade Teacher at Pilot Mountain Elementary
- Courtney Willard, Visual Arts Teacher at Westfield Elementary

Additionally, Jonathan Carpenter, Assistant Principal at Surry Central High School, was recognized for his successful National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) renewal. To retain NBCT status, teachers must complete a periodic demonstration of their knowledge and skills by submitting a Profile of Professional Growth (PPG) demonstrating how their practice continues to align with the Five Core Propositions in their certificate area.

Ryan Flake from Horace Mann Insurance provided these accomplished teachers with a door plaque for their classrooms.

The National Board is working to set the expectation that all teachers in every classroom should demonstrate accomplished teaching via National Board certification and become leaders in their schools and communities. Every child should have the opportunity to learn from an accomplished teacher.

Photo: Left to right – front row: Courtney Willard, Lauren Simpson, Kindle Giles, Dr. Terri Mosley, Melissa Key Atkinson, Dr. Travis L. Reeves
Left to right- back row: Dale Badgett, Mamie Sutphin, Clark Goings

