

Professional Teaching Standards Board

Mission and philosophy

The Mission of the Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB) is to ensure that every student is served by competent, ethical educators who meet rigorous performance standards. Its charge is to protect the residents by providing consumer protection for public school personnel in Wyoming. The PTSB acts in accordance with the highest standards of ethics, accountability, efficiency and openness. The Board strives to provide firm and fair regulations with efficient and effective service.

Major accomplishments and efficiencies

The Professional Teaching Standards Board has 23,196 (August 2004) active files for teachers, substitutes, administrators, coaches, auxiliary professional services and other certified or permitted personnel. The Board has made a strong commitment to alternative certification, while assisting school districts in shortage areas for teachers and coaches. During 2003-2004 the Board granted 31 temporary permits, 90 transitional endorsements, 188 collaboration certificates, 48 internship permits, 13 long-term substitute permits, and 9 exception certificates. This represents four percent of the total teaching population in Wyoming.

In support of Senate Enrolled Act 33 and with a subsidy grant from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), the PTSB administered support for teachers seeking national board certification. The PTSB continues to sponsor the subsidy grant and facilitate with the teachers going through national board certification. To date, forty-nine Wyoming teachers have received NBPTS certification, including the fifteen teachers who received it November 2003.

The PTSB is in its second year of the partnership with Transition to Teaching Program at Montana State University-Bozeman. This federal grant is giving financial assistance to Wyoming teachers, who are teaching in high needs school districts while taking course work for full certification. PTSB is the financial manager for the \$10,000 grant. Enrollments in the program for the 2004-2005 school year are fifteen in the program with a total of 24 in the program.

Technology enhancements occurred during the 2003-2004 year. The PTSB in partnership with Wyoming Department of Education and \$37,000 financial support from federal monies worked toward improving data collection to comply with the 2002 ESEA Federal Legislation,

General information

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Year established

1993

Statutory references

Wyoming Statute 21-2-801 and 21-2-802

Authorized personnel

Full-time: Six

Clients served

Teachers, administrators, auxiliary professional services, substitute teachers, coaches, and permitted individuals.

Budget information

Fund 111.....\$599,149

Agency to which group reports

Department of Administration and Information

Number of members

13

Meeting frequency

The Board meets four times per year, not less than once every three months.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The data base tracks PTSB's clients is in the finishing stages of development. To improve capabilities to quickly communicate with school districts, the PTSB designed and launched its own web site, which is now maintained in-house.

The PTSB showed compliance to the NCLB requirements for *highly qualified* teachers, which includes the development, adoption, and implementation of a *highly qualified rubric* for middle-level teachers who are currently teaching in Wyoming. Also, as compliance to NCLB, rules were adopted to require testing for initial teachers, with a no fault provision for one-year.

The PTSB continues to evaluate and approve workshops and school district staff development plans for renewal credits, review and investigate reports of FBI and State criminal background checks, evaluate and monitor teacher education programs, and remains a member of the National Clearinghouse and Interstate Compact for reciprocity with other states.

Strategic plan changes

In July, the PTSB members adopted a major goal for its strategic plan to be active over the next three years. The goal is to review and revise the current PTSB Rules and Regulations to streamline the certification requirements and process.