

# Professional Teaching Standards Board

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## ♣ *Mission and philosophy*

The mission of the Professional Teaching Standards Board is to ensure that every student is served by competent, ethical educators who meet rigorous performance standards.

The Professional Teaching Standards Board acts in accordance with the highest standards of ethics, accountability, efficiency and openness. The board's charge is to protect residents by providing consumer protection for public school personnel in Wyoming. The board strives to provide firm and fair regulations with efficient and effective service.

## ♣ *Results of outcomes*

The board implemented, evaluated and issued alternative certification based upon portfolio documentation of standards. Guidelines were approved for teacher collaboration, to ease school districts' staffing assignments. The board reviewed and revised rules and regulations which were signed by the governor on August 14, 1998. Changes in rules included middle grade endorsement. The board published and distributed updated book and implemented program for National Board Certification in support of Senate Enrolled Act 33 passed and signed by the governor on March 21, 1998. The board completed review of national standards folios and applied for state partnership with National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The board reviewed and rewrote the Handbook for Visitation of Institutions, to conduct approval of certification programs.

High standards for services and skills were assured. The board randomly surveyed 10 percent of the individuals who had contact with the Professional Teaching Standards Board during the 1997-98 school year. Individuals responded to the survey noting recommended changes in service. The board provided an in-state 800 telephone number and increased communication via email, and developed and established a Web site to deliver information about teacher certification, applications for certification and links to employment opportunities.

## ♣ *Strategic plan changes*

The board plans to increase communications with Wyoming community colleges to develop endorsement programs for certification, to include middle grade, and to design research, to include options for Wyoming to address teacher shortages. The board will update software and hardware for Year 2000.

### **General information**

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### **Year established**

1993

### **Statutory references**

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

### **Number of authorized personnel**

7

### **Organization structure**

Professional Licensing Board

### **Clients served**

Teachers, administrators, substitute teachers, permitted individuals

### **Budget information**

Fund 111            \$351,740

### **Agency to which group reports**

Department of Commerce

### **Number of members**

13

### **Meeting frequency**

Four times per year