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Two Bicentennial South teachers earn National Board Certification

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. — Melanie Conger and Willis Carlson, teachers at Bicentennial South in the Glendale Elementary School District, recently earned their National Board Certification (NBCT) from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

“National Board Certification is the most prestigious credential a teacher can earn. Like board-certified doctors and accountants, teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review,” said Bicentennial South Principal Dr. Sue Pederson. “Research is consistently positive about the impact of National Board Certification on improvements in teacher practice and areas of school improvement critical to raising student achievement.”



National Board Certification is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize and reward great teachers — and make them better. While state licensing systems set basic requirements to teach in each state, NBCTs have successfully demonstrated advanced teaching knowledge, skills and practices. Certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete.

As part of the process, teachers build a portfolio that includes student work samples, assignments, videotapes and a thorough analysis of their classroom teaching. Additionally, teachers are assessed on their knowledge of the subjects they teach.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia and more than 700 local school districts recognize National Board Certification as a mark of distinction.

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