

# Revisions to the National Board Certification Process

# Goals of this discussion

- Share upcoming revisions to the National Board Certification process
- Discuss the revision roll-out schedule

# Agenda

- **Why** revise the National Board Certification process?
- **What** is changing through the revisions?
- **When** will the revisions occur?

# Why revise the process?

**Remove barriers.** We worked with National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) and other experts in the profession to remove barriers in the process that have nothing to do with whether a teacher is accomplished.

# What is changing?

**Flexibility** - While teachers can complete the entire certification process in one year once it is fully implemented, some may choose to do so over several years if that fits better with other demands on a teacher's time.

**Affordability** - The total cost of certification will decrease from \$2500 to \$1,900, with each of the four components costing \$475. Candidates will have the option to pay for and submit components separately.

## Two important price points

**\$475 for each component**

**\$75 nonrefundable cycle enrollment fee (paid annually)**

# What is changing?

**Efficiency** - While maintaining the same level of rigor, the process will be grouped into four components.

## Component 1

- Content Knowledge

## Component 2

- Differentiation in Instruction

## Component 3

- Teaching Practice and Classroom Environment

## Component 4 (C4)

- Effective and Reflective Practitioner

# Why revise the process?

**Incorporate the latest research.** Just as we ask teachers to be reflective in their practice, we are reflecting on the certification process to ensure it mirrors the evolving nature of the profession and current research on best practices in teaching. The process was last revised in 2001.

# History of Revisions to National Board Certification process



**1994**

- 6 Portfolio Entries
- 4 Assessment Center Exercises



**2001**

- 4 Portfolio Entries
- 6 Assessment Center Exercises



**2014**

- 4 Components (Including Assessment Center Exercises)



# What's not changing?

Though the process is changing, our principles remain the same.

We will continue to emphasize:

- National Board Standards
- Five Core Propositions
- Architecture of Accomplished Teaching
- A performance-based, peer-review model
- Content knowledge and commitment to student learning

# What this means for 2013-14 candidates

- The 2013–14 candidate cycle is the last time that first-time candidates will apply using the existing certification process.
  - Retake candidates will continue under the process they started.

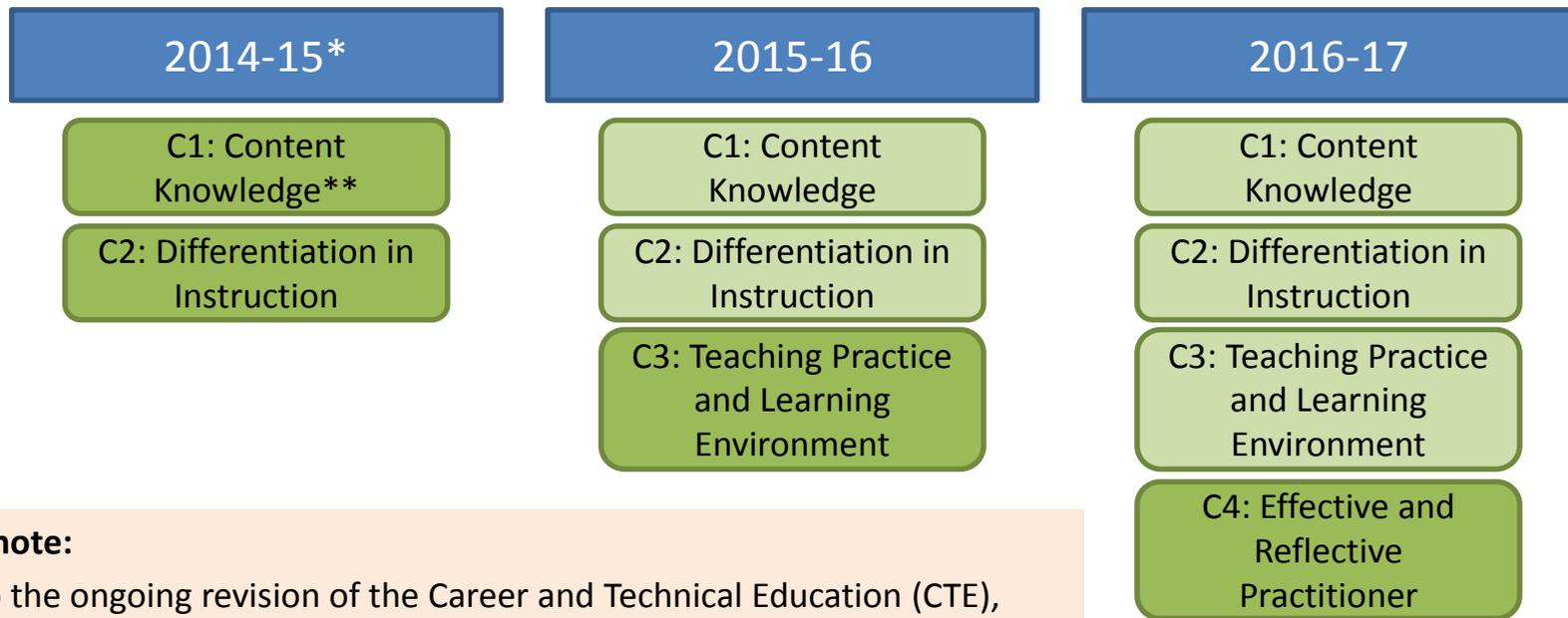
# What this means for 2014-15 candidates and beyond

- Registration for the revised certification process opened March 14, 2014.
- The revised certification will be rolled out over time, with the first two components for most certificate areas available for the 2014–15 school year.

**New! Register at [www.boardcertifiedteachers.org](http://www.boardcertifiedteachers.org)**

# How will the revised assessment roll-out?

- National Board Certification will rollout over the course of three cycles:



## Please note:

\*Due to the ongoing revision of the Career and Technical Education (CTE), candidates for the CTE certificate will begin the new process in 2015-16.

\*\*Music candidates will be able to take the Differentiation in Instruction component in 2014-15, but Content Knowledge will be delayed until 2015-16.

\*\*\*World Language candidates will be able to take the Differentiation in Instruction component in 2014-15; Content Knowledge will be available starting in 2016-17.

# Timeline for revision to National Board Certification process\*

| Year  | 2013-14                           | 2014-15  | 2015-16   | 2016-17  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Field test of assessment revisions</b>   | Component 1:<br>Content Knowledge | Component 3:<br>Teaching Practice and Learning Environment             | Component 4:<br>Reflective and Effective Practitioner     | N/A  |
| <b>National Board First-Time Candidates</b> | Take current assessment           | Take revised assessment:<br>Components 1 and 2 available (most fields) | Take revised assessment:<br>Components 1, 2 & 3 available | Take revised assessment:<br>All components available |
| <b>Retakes under the current process</b>    | For 2011-12 & 2012-13 candidates  | For 2012-13 & 2013-14 candidates                                       | For 2013-14 candidates                                    | N/A  |
| <b>Retakes under the revised process</b>    | N/A                               | N/A  | For 2014-15 candidates                                    | For 2014-15 & 2015-16 candidates                     |
| <b>Take One!</b>                            | Available (but not bankable)      | Not available  | Not available   | Not available  |
| <b>Renewal</b>                              | Current assessment                | Current assessment   | Current assessment  | Proposed new assessment                              |

\* Please note that CTE, Music and World Language will follow a different rollout schedule as detailed on the previous slide.

# Wanted: Field Test Participants!

- Immediate focus: Content Knowledge
  - Participants will test on 2 separate dates
  - Total testing time is projected to be 2 hours in spring, plus 1.5 hours in the fall
  - Scheduling for 2014 testing appointments will start in April
- Coming in 2015! Teaching Practice and Learning Environment
- Coming in 2016! Reflective and Effective Practitioner
- Apply at [www.nbpts.org/national-board-field-tests](http://www.nbpts.org/national-board-field-tests)
- Questions? [fieldtest@nbpts.org](mailto:fieldtest@nbpts.org)

# How is the renewal process changing?

- **The current renewal process will not be changing for several years.**
- Updates on proposed changes to the renewal process and associated policies will be communicated as they are available.

# What's Next?

- Read the current *Guide to National Board Certification* and register at [www.boardcertifiedteachers.org](http://www.boardcertifiedteachers.org)
- Stay in touch!
  - Follow us on [Facebook](#).
  - Call 1-800-22TEACH with questions.
  - If you are an NBCT, update your contact information in [My Profile](#).

We will continue to share updates as the process unfolds!