

# Professional Teaching Standards Board

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## ❖ *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 citizenry 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.

## ❖ *Results of outcomes*

The Professional Teaching Standards Board has 33,000 certified education personnel. In April 1998, a random survey of clients was conducted. The survey results rated excellent or average customer satisfaction at 99 percent. Public awareness was increased through its Web site, with more than 8,000 visits (May 1999). The site includes all major publications, such as applications, rules and regulations, and administrator handbook.

In support of Senate Enrolled Act 33 and with a subsidy grant from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, 11 teachers completed the certification application for national certification. The PTSB administered a program to support these teachers.

The board continues to support alternate certification, with a 1 percent increase from last year. For the 1998-99 school year, the board approved 70 requests by school districts for collaboration certification. The board continued to approve certification by portfolio and temporary permits.

## ❖ *Strategic plan changes*

The PTSB will work with districts to enhance availability of individuals where teacher shortages exist. Additionally, the PTSB has formed a partnership with the University of Wyoming College of Education and the Wyoming School-University Partnership and has received funding to support several programs to include the revision of certification standards, portfolio certification and certification renewal requirements.

### **General information**

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### **Year established**

1993

### **Statutory references**

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

### **Number of authorized personnel**

Seven full-time

### **Organizational structure**

Does not apply

### **Clients served**

Teachers, administrators, substitute teachers and permitted individuals who wish to hold certification.

### **Budget information**

Fund 111            \$363,823

### **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.