

# 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 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.

## Results of outcomes

The Professional Teaching Standards board has 33,000 (August 2002) 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 2001-2002 the Board granted 46 temporary permits, 127 transitional endorsements, 171 collaboration certificates, 32 internship permits, 10 long-term substitute permits, and 17 exception certificates. This represents five percent of the total teaching population in Wyoming, which is the same percentage as 2000-2001.

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, 25 Wyoming teachers have received NBPTS certification, including the six teachers who received certification November 2001.

The PTSB is a member of a partnership between the UW College of Education, Wyoming School-University Partnership, and Wyoming Department of Education in a federal grant program. This last year, committees worked to complete the alignment of teacher standards with student standards. The project was finished with the approval of new standards in elementary, health education, physical

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### *Other locations*

Does not apply

### *Year established*

1993

### *Statutory references*

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

### *Authorized personnel*

Six full-time

### *Organization structure*

Does not apply

### *Clients served*

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

### *Budget information*

Fund 111 \$410,446

### Agency to which the board 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.

education, and modern foreign language. Work on the revision of the professional education standards is continued by one committee. With the grant's completion this year, 133 assessors were trained to assess alternative certification portfolios in 25 content areas.

In May 2002 the PTSB approved of the middle school endorsement program at Western Wyoming Community College, which is the first community college to offer a teacher certification endorsement program. In June 2002, the PTSB gave initial approval of the journalism endorsement program at Northwest College. This program was developed to meet a teacher shortage area.

The PTSB continues to make changes to increase its efficiency. In February 2002, the PTSB application was revised and made available to download off the web. The Internet is used to conduct district surveys that collect data on teacher shortage areas and to notify school districts of possible staffing misassignments.

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. It remains a member of the National Clearinghouse and Interstate Compact for reciprocity with other states.

## Strategic plan changes

The PTSB will continue the work begun last year, working with the Department of Education to meet the federal requirements for the 2002 ESEA Federal Legislation, No Child Left Behind which includes testing of all new teachers. The Board has approved the PTSB staff to develop assessments with Educational Testing Services.