

Title II, Part A Funds and National Board Certification

The Title II, Part A program is designed to provide students who have been disenfranchised by the education system with greater access to effective teachers. In addition, the purpose of Title II, Part A is to increase the academic achievement of all students by helping Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) improve teacher and principal quality.

The Title II, Part A program offers LEAs the flexibility to design and implement a wide variety of activities that can promote and increase the number of teachers who are effective in improving student achievement consistent with state learning standards. These objectives directly align to the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](#) (NBPTS) assessment process.

Allowable uses related to supporting a National Board Program

All funding needs to be approved in the consolidated grant application in EGMS:

- Compensating a NBCT employed by the LEA to facilitate a group of National Board candidates ("cohort" support)
- Paying for or reimbursing a group of candidates to attend professional development related to National Board (such as WEA's Jump Start and Homestretch events, leadership conferences, cohort fees through a non-LEA organization, etc.)
- Paying for or reimbursing a candidate's costs associated with the National Board process (registration fees, component fees)
- Provide a stipend, substitute and/or release time for a candidate to work on their National Board components

Paying for or reimbursing subscription fees for ATLAS (this is a library of NBCT component submissions that were successful which candidates can view)

Please note that LEAs seeking to begin a candidate cohort must complete OSPI's [Support Partner Agreement](#) and must utilize NBCTs who have completed [OSPI Facilitator Training](#). This allows educators participating in the cohort to access OSPI's conditional National Board candidate loan and includes the cohort within our state National Board network.

For a general list of [allowable uses](#), please visit OSPI's Title II, Part A website. [Supplement not supplant](#) rules will apply to all federal funding. For more information, contact the OSPI Title II, Part A office at title2a@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6340.

