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*Wheaton ISD #803 Policy 612*

## **612 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to have teachers focus on continuous improvement in their teaching areas.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Implementation of rigorous, results-orientated Minnesota Graduation Standards will require a new level of teaching accountability. To this and the National Board certification provides that framework for teaching excellence.

### **III. BOARD SUPPORT OF CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

- A. The Wheaton School Board recognizes and encourages continuous staff development throughout a person's teaching career. To promote documented excellence in teaching, the Wheaton School Board supports the National Teacher Board certification program.
- B. Staff members who have been employed in the District for a minimum of five years and have received national certification may be paid an additional \$1500 per year during their period of certification based on funds available.
- C. For teachers recommended by the school administrator for certification, the District will pay no less than one-half the fees needed for the National Board certification and recertification. The fees will come from the money allocated to the staff development fund.