

Seattle Education Association
2023 –2024 SEA National Board Candidate Support Cohort Program

SEA provides facilitated support for candidates going through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification process. Candidate support is optional for teachers completing their National Boards; however, teacher candidates who are part of a support program show a significantly higher passing rate.

As part of a cohort, candidates receive support, instruction, and feedback from their trained facilitators who are SEA colleagues. Examples include: “unpacking” the National Board component prompts, finding evidence of National Board standards, and ensuring alignment. Clock hours are available.

What courses are offered & when do they meet?

Courses Offered	Description	Dates
*Foundations: Introduction to National Board	Required by all OSPI-approved programs and for those receiving OSPI conditional loan**. A close examination and application of two NBPTS foundational documents: The Five Core Propositions, and The Architecture of Accomplished Teaching.	One session only: Sept. 23 (9:00am –3:00pm)
Component One: Content Knowledge	Discussion of certification area standards and analysis of prompt descriptors. Self-assessment of content area knowledge. Learn about Constructed Response Items and Selected Response Items as well as assessment ethics, procedures, appointments, and general overview of C1.	Oct. 21 Jan. 6 Feb. 10 (12:30 – 3:00pm)
Component Two: Differentiation in Instruction	The Five Core Propositions and the Architecture of Accomplished Teaching will be woven throughout the analysis and study of certification area standards and Component Two instructions. Meetings include time for Q&A, conferencing, drafting, and peer review.	Oct. 7 Nov. 4 Dec. 9 Jan. 20 March 16 (9:00 – 11:30am)
Component Three: Teaching Practice & Learning Environment	The Five Core Propositions and the Architecture of Accomplished Teaching will be woven throughout the analysis and study of certification area standards and Components Three instructions. Meetings include time for Q&A, conferencing, drafting, peer review, plus video review and analysis.	Oct. 21 Nov. 18 Jan. 6 Feb. 10 March 30 (9:00 – 11:30am)
Component Four: Effective and Reflective Practitioner	This component requires teacher candidates to gather information from a variety of sources about a group of students; use assessments to effectively plan for and positively impact their students’ learning; and provide evidence of their collaboration with families, the community, and colleagues and of their contributions to learning communities to advance students’ learning and growth. Meetings will include time for Q &A, conferencing, drafting, peer review, and reflection.	Oct. 7 Nov. 4 Dec. 9 Jan. 20 March 16 (12:30 – 3:00pm)

What is the Time and Location of the meetings? Saturday meeting times vary per Component. All meetings will be held virtually. You will need a Google account for use during our virtual meetings.

What is the cost? Candidates pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$100 and support fees based on Components selected. Note that WEA/SEA member prices are lower. To become a SEA member contact www.seattlewea.org. See next tables for costs.

Annual Non-Refundable Registration Fee	\$100
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Course	WEA/SEA Member Cost	Non-Member Cost	Clock Hours
*Foundations	\$125	\$170	6
Component One	\$175	\$250	10
Component Two	\$250	\$405	16
Component Three	\$250	\$405	16
Component Four	\$250	\$405	16

*Foundations Course is offered for those who did not attend the WEA Jump Start Program and is a prerequisite for Components One, Two, Three, Four, & for those receiving the OSPI conditional loan**. If you attended the WEA Jump Start Program, you do not need to take the Foundations Course.

**OSPI Conditional Loan Program is offered by OSPI to assist teachers in financing the NBPTS fees. See this website for details: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Certification/nbpts/Candidacy/Loans.aspx>

Full Payment and Registration Fee Deadlines: Payment in full is required to attend classes. Foundations: by Thursday Sept. 14, 2023. Components 1-4 Courses: by Friday Sept. 29 2023.

Reimbursement Policy:

A 50% Course refund is available to candidates who formally withdraw by contacting SEA prior to Nov. 1, 2023. No refunds will be available after Nov. 1, 2023. Any candidate who withdraws or ends participation in the SEA NB Candidate Support Program at any point during the year will need to resubmit full payment and registration fee for the subsequent year's program.

How do I register? Complete & submit the registration Form and full Payment using the link: <https://lfd.washingtonea.org/Forms/ZpyEx>

Please note that you must register with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and pay their fees in addition to participating in the SEA National Board Candidate Support Program. We strongly suggest downloading the Standards and Component Portfolio Instructions for your certificate area and reading them before committing to this process.

We're excited to be working with you this year as you undertake this powerful, professional work!
Warm regards,

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Menu of SEA, WEA, and OSPI 2023-20234 National Board Candidate Support Options

(Refer to calendar below for important dates)

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between May 1 and July 31, 2023, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- OSPI Conditional Loan (must apply – first come, first served)
- WEA Jump Start* (offered by Washington Education Association)
- SEA Foundations (or attendance at WEA Jump Start*)
- SEA Cohort Support for C1, C2, C3, C4 (offered by Seattle Education Association)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association)

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between August 1 and November 1, 2023, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- OSPI Conditional Loan (must apply – first come, first served)
- Foundations (or attendance at WEA Jump Start*)
- SEA Cohort Support for C1, C2, C3, C4 (offered by Seattle Education Association)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association)

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between December 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- C1 and Foundations online (offered by WEA)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association)

If a candidate signs up for the National Board process between January 1, 2023, and the registration deadline, at a minimum, they will have access to the following types of support:

- C1 and Foundations online (offered by WEA)
- WEA Homestretch* (offered by Washington Education Association)

**Additional fees apply*

National Board Registration Window	May 22, 2023 – February 29, 2024
Component Selection NB Registration & Component Fee Payment Deadline	February 29, 2024
NB Change of Certificate and/or Specialty Area	February 29, 2024
NB Change of Component Selection	February 29, 2024
NB Withdrawal Deadline	February 29, 2024
Component 1 Scheduling Open	January 15, 2024
Component 1 Testing Window	March 1 – June 15, 2024
ePortfolio Submission Window	April 1-May 18, 2024
2024 Score Release	December 7, 2024

