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## **Three Oak Harbor High School Science Teachers Renew National Board Certification**

Renewal Process Reinforces High Standards, Commitment to Excellent Teaching  
**Mackenzie Neal, Sara Templin, and Gary Thayer all received notification that they have qualified for National Board recertification. This certification is good for 10 years and provides automatic Washington state certification for the next 10 years.**

The National Board is working to set the expectation that all teachers in every classroom should demonstrate accomplished teaching via National Board certification and become leaders in their schools and communities. Every child should have the opportunity to learn from an accomplished teacher.

Teachers qualified for this certification by writing about their practice over the past five years including curriculum they developed, data from student work, contributions to their peers, and contributions to the community. Teachers described and reflected on videos that showed them leading group discussions in their classrooms, presenting at National Science Teachers convention, and giving demonstrations remotely for last spring's online classwork.

Forty percent (4/10) of Oak Harbor Science Teachers are National Board Certified Science Teachers, this is one of the highest percentages for science departments in the state of Washington.

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***About the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards ([www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org)):***

*The founding mission of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by: (1) maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; (2) providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards; and (3) advocating related education reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education and to capitalize on the expertise of National Board Certified Teachers. Recognized nationwide, the National Board believes higher standards for teachers means better learning for students.*