

My National Board Story

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Name: Leigh M Sapp

Area of Certification: World Languages

Your Professional Title: NBCT

School Name: Prospect High School

District: District #214

Year of Certification: 2011

Year of Renewal: currently awaiting renewal decision 😞

I have worked in District #214 as a Spanish teacher since 1993 and have taught all levels from Spanish 1 to AP as well as graduate courses for teachers in technology integration. I also serve as the resource teacher for our World Language department at Prospect High School. Once upon a time Lori Abbott was my cohort facilitator as I pursued initial certification. The certification process most powerfully informed my practice by meaningfully incorporating student self-reflection into my instruction. When I initially certified, I was honestly shocked as I thought I still had not completely wrapped my head around the rubrics for my certificate area let alone those for earning certification. This led me to score for Pearson which was the second best decision of my post-certification professional development. The guidance as to how to apply the rubrics to candidates' entries was so insightful! The best decision of my career was when I was fortunate that Lori came back into my life and introduced me to the work of NBRC. The rest is history and has shaped the passionate professional I am today. I have loved the roles NBRC has entrusted me to fulfill from serving as a Candidate Cohort Facilitator in Waukegan District #60 to collaborating on various Design Teams and piloting new support for candidates. The constant reflection on the National Board process, 5 Core Propositions & The Architecture of Accomplished Teaching inform my teaching and interactions with colleagues on a daily basis. The reflection during the renewal process only solidified my desire to continue in these rolls as long as I am able. I am so grateful for the professional opportunities and relationships certification has provided me so far and I can't wait to see what lies ahead!