
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: CONTRACTUAL TERMS FOR NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS
DATE 1/17/02
CC: FILE

According to Dr Thompson and Judy Rhodes, new National Board Certified Teachers receive only a prorated portion (\$3,000) of the \$6,000 supplement payment for their first year of certification. Section 37-19-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, was amended during the 1999 legislative session to be effective this school year that teachers receiving their NBPTS certification after October 15, 2001, would be entitled to a prorated share of the \$6,000 supplement beginning with the second semester.

This change in law was made in order to make supplement amounts for all national certifications (NBPTS, speech pathologists, and school counselors) effective on the same dates. School counselors and speech pathologists were earning their certification in May, but were receiving the supplement for the entire year. Even though the new NBPTS certificate expires in November 2011, teachers will be eligible for the full \$6,000 supplement the last year. Therefore, NBPTS certified teachers will receive \$63,000 dollars over the life of the certificate.

NBCTs must present documentation of their certification to their respective school district. The district then notifies MDE and MDE forwards the appropriate funds to the district. The district then modifies the teacher's contract to reflect the appropriate equal monthly installments of the supplement.

Dr. Thompson said that the department has conveyed this information to the districts and to the World Class Teaching Program (the mentoring and tutoring organization for NBPTS candidates in Mississippi).