

Stillman Valley High School Teacher Earns National Board Teacher Certification

William Polasky, Stillman Valley High School History teacher, recently earned National Board Teacher Certification. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. NBPTS advances the quality of teaching and learning by developing professional standards for accomplished teaching; creating and administering National Board Certification, a voluntary system to certify teachers who meet those standards; and integrating certified teachers into educational reform efforts. Today, more than 55,000 National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) are making a positive difference in the lives of students across the nation.

NBPTS continues to be the most thoroughly grounded, in research terms, of any assessment program in the teaching profession. "The vast majority of research indicates that National Board Certified Teachers make a significantly measurable impact on teacher performance as well as student learning, engagement and achievement," said NBPTS President and CEO Joseph A. Aguerrebere and adds "teachers who earn this advanced teaching credential are among the best qualified in the nation to improve instruction, raise student achievement, and improve teaching practices in their classrooms, schools and districts."

Mr. Polasky is the Lead Teacher for social studies at Stillman Valley High School, where he has taught for the past thirteen years. Over those years, numerous students have earned college credit through Stillman Valley's Advanced Placement U.S. History program which he established, and also dual credit through Rock Valley College, which accepts this program as an undergraduate-level course. The Meridian CUSD #223 Board of Education recognized Mr. Polasky for achieving National Board-Certified Master Teacher status at its January 25th regularly scheduled meeting.