



TAKE ONE!

Improving Teaching Quality with *Take One!*

*Take One!*TM is a new staff development offering from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards® (NBPTS®) that is standards-based, content specific, and job-embedded. NBPTS developed *Take One!* so that all educators can be introduced to professional teaching standards and their impact on improving student achievement.

NBPTS is best known for establishing high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do and a voluntary system (National Board Certification®) for certifying teachers who meet those standards. Teachers who have completed the National Board Certification process consistently call it the best professional development they have experienced. In addition, research studies show that teachers who undertake the process:

- Think more systematically about their practice,
- Improve their teaching,
- Work collaboratively in professional learning communities, and,
- Increase their students' learning.

Benefits of *Take One!*

• **Expand Existing National Board Certification Programs!**

Take One! complements existing National Board Certification programs by involving all teachers (including those new to the profession), as well as principals, administrators or candidate support providers. By participating in *Take One!* these groups can be introduced to standards based teaching, as well as to the NBPTS process, to become better prepared to undertake eventual certification or to support those who do.

• **Focus on Student Learning!**

Take One! helps educators understand professional teaching standards and how they apply in the classroom – no matter what curriculum or school improvement initiative a school or district may be using. Further, *Take One!* helps teachers identify and show evidence of their teaching practice that is aligned to high quality teaching standards and leads to improved student achievement. This focuses attention on the critical linkage between professional teaching standards, classroom practice and student learning.

• **Introduction to Standards-Based Teaching!**

Take One! introduces more of your teachers to professional teaching standards without the time and resource commitment required for board certification. Teachers experience a lower-stakes introduction to National Board Certification processes and resources without compromising the quality of the experience

• **Build Professional Learning Communities!**

Take One! is cost-effective, classroom-centered, and on-going staff development that recognizes the collegial and intellectual nature of teaching. School staff are encouraged to participate together in *Take One!*, helping to build professional learning communities and strengthen professional collaboration and inquiry. It encourages collegial work focused on instructional tasks and shared school-wide goals in ways that continue to enhance both classroom practice and student learning long after participants have completed *Take One!*.

• **Improve Teaching Quality!**

Take One! is based on NBPTS standards for accomplished teaching, meets the requirements of high quality professional development as called for in No Child Left Behind and aligns to National Staff Development Council standards for professional development. More importantly, with its roots in the strong research base of National Board Certification itself, *Take One!* provides a powerful professional development experience that can change teaching

practice and focus on evidence-based student learning outcomes.

How does *Take One!* work?

Take One! provides educators with the opportunity to “take one” of the video portfolio entries that comprise National Board Certification and have that entry scored by NBPTS. Participants will choose from any of the National Board's current certificate areas and prepare and submit the pre-selected video portfolio entry for that certificate. This allows teachers to match their *Take One!* professional development experience with their individual teaching situation.

Take One! participants will study the NBPTS Standards and the *Take One!* activity book. They will be able to practice and self-assess evidence-based teaching and reflective analysis. Participants will then create a video portfolio entry of a classroom lesson or student activity, together with detailed analysis and reflection on that lesson. This portfolio is submitted to NBPTS to be scored in accordance with the deadlines and policies of the current NBPTS assessment program. *Take One!* scores will be released privately to each *Take One!* participant no later than December 31 of the same year the portfolio entry is scored. This *Take One!* score can then be applied to National Board Certification if desired.*

Eligibility Requirements

Take One! is available to all teachers and school counselors regardless of their experience level, as well as induction or pre-service teachers, principals, administrators, professors in colleges of education,

teacher-mentors or coaches, and those who provide support for National Board Certification candidates. The only requirement is that educators have access to a preK-12 classroom in order to complete the portfolio entry.

2006-2007 Calendar

Ordering deadline:	12/31/2006 (12/1/06 for purchase orders)
Payment deadline:	12/31/2006
Submission deadline:	4/15/2007
Scores released:	By 12/31/2007

Cost

At \$395 per participant, *Take One!* is an affordable staff development choice. Because it is job-embedded and is provided complete with all required materials, *Take One!* saves the costs of travel expenses to a workshop, pay for substitute teachers, costs of extra materials and/or honorarium paid to a visiting instructor. **

Bulk pricing is also available for *Take One!*

Next steps?

If you are interested in *Take One!* or would like more information:

- Visit:
http://www.nbpts.org/products_and_services/take_one
- Call
1-800-22TEACH



* **NOTE:** *Take One!* may be a valuable preparatory experience for those who may choose to continue in the National Board Certification® process. However scores on a single portfolio entry should not be seen as an indicator for assuring the success of any candidate who pursues National Board Certification.

** The completion of *Take One!* does not reduce the cost of candidacy for National Board Certification.

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