

Where might teaching lead you?

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Introductions

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What is your current status as an educator?

POLL QUESTION #1
PRE-SERVICE, INTERN, FIRST-YEAR, CLASSROOM, ADMINISTRATION, HIGHER-ED

NBPTS Career Continuum






In what ways do you plan to grow professionally?

POLL QUESTION #2
DISTRICT LED, GRADUATE DEGREE, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP, INDIVIDUAL READING, COLLABORATION

Professional Development

- ▶ Collaborative
- ▶ Continuous
- ▶ Teacher-led



How do you find professional development that is collaborative, continuous, and teacher-led?

POLL QUESTION #3
OPEN RESPONSE – PLEASE PROVIDE AN ANSWER THROUGH THE QUESTION BOX



What are your motives for professional development?

POLL QUESTION #4
DISTRICT REQ. GRADUATE DEGREE, INDIVIDUAL GROWTH, COLLABORATION

Tiered licensure

- ▶NOVICE
- ▶Professional
- ▶Teacher Leader –or- Administrator

▶Tiers often require: degree, experience, additional evidence

Possible career pathways

- ▶ Teacher specialization (certification)
- ▶ Administration (licensure)

- ▶ Formal teacher leadership: mentor, content coach, or department head
- ▶ Informal opportunities: volunteer and/or share practice

National Board Certification as Professional Development

- ▶ Students learn more.
- ▶ Teachers improve their practice:
 - ▶ Become more reflective,
 - ▶ Become more analytical,
 - ▶ Become more focused on student learning.



Where do you see yourself in 10-15 years?

POLL QUESTION #5
MENTOR, CONTENT COACH, DEPARTMENT HEAD, ADMINISTRATION, HIGHER ED

Door opening actions

- ▶ Advanced degree
- ▶ Additional licensure
- ▶ Active membership in professional organization(s)
- ▶ Seek PD: conferences, webinars, reading, collaboration
- ▶ NBCT
- ▶ Volunteer & share practice
- ▶ Community involvement



Questions

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