



WHAT IS AMERICAN BOARD?

American Board provides career changers with a quick and affordable route to become teachers. American Board's online teacher certification program is self-paced and includes robust online tutorials, but requires no additional college coursework or student teaching. The average American Board candidate earns their teaching certificate within ten months of enrolling, while many have become certified in as little as two or three months.

American Board helps communities supply their own teachers by providing a path for local community members who hold a bachelor's degree to get trained, licensed, and secure a job teaching in their local school.

American Board's vision is very simple — your community, your teachers.



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How Does The Program Work?

American Board candidates must

1. **Hold a bachelor's degree** from a nationally accredited college or university and pass a federal background check.
2. **Pass American Board's pedagogy exam**, also known as the Professional Teaching Knowledge (PTK) exam, which covers effective instructional delivery, classroom management and organization, assessment, instructional design, and professional learning and leadership.
3. **Select a subject area and demonstrate competency** by passing the corresponding assessment. American Board offers certifications in: Elementary Education, Biology, Chemistry, English, General Science, History, Mathematics, and Physics. Candidates can also obtain Reading and Special Education endorsements.
4. **Complete any additional requirements** set forth by their state.
5. **Apply for initial teaching license** through their state's Department of Education.

Drexel University Research Study

Drexel University surveyed principals that employ American Board certified teachers to compare the performance of American Board teachers and traditionally prepared teachers. More than 150 principals from across 12 states participated.

95% of American Board teachers **performed better** than or equivalent to traditional, college-prepared teachers across 95% of teacher quality aspects

97% of principals **expected to retain** their American Board teacher(s) after the 3-year mark

Drexel concluded:

“During this time when many under-served local communities are in need of a stable teaching force, the opportunity to attract both traditionally and alternatively prepared high-quality instructors seems exceptionally important. It is clear that ABCTE prepared teachers are well-prepared to meet the needs of 21st-century learners.”

American Board teachers are “largely comparable to or stronger than traditionally prepared teachers.”

What Principals Say

“Our [American Board] teacher is one of our best—well prepared every day with high quality content that meets the needs of all students, not just those at the bottom, middle, or top of the bell curve. **This teacher contributes to the overall environment of our school** through collaboration with peers and is respected by all as a master of teaching, both the art and the science of it. We would love for our [American Board] teacher to remain at our school long-term!”

Secondary Director
American Preparatory Academy
Utah

“[Our American Board teacher] is an amazing teacher who has played an important role in the progress we have made at Patrick Henry. He cares deeply about the success of his students and works extremely hard to make sure they all achieve at high levels. [This teacher] goes above and beyond for our students, which is why we have asked him to take on leadership responsibilities outside of his classroom. He is a true team player and **is an invaluable member of our team.**”

Principal
Patrick Henry Downtown Academy
Missouri