

## News Release

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#### **Arlington High School teacher earns National Board Certification**

ARLINGTON- Arlington High School teacher, Callie Stringham, has earned her National Board Certification. To become a National Board Certified Teacher, Stringham had to go through a process that included: a content knowledge test; a portfolio of student work and an explanation of how it illustrates the teacher's capabilities; an in-classroom video and written analysis to demonstrate student interaction skills; and a demonstration of her abilities as an effective and reflective educator. Once an educator becomes certified, it indicates that the educator has met certain benchmarks for the teaching profession.

Stringham said that teachers wanting to pursue their National Board Certification have to plan to devote about 100 hours to the process.

“There’s a lot of writing and reflecting on what you do as a teacher,” said Stringham. “It really helps you evaluate your teaching practices to see which practices are most successful in the classroom.”

Stringham has taught Special Education students in her Life Skills class for the past six years. There are currently 30 National Board Certified Teachers in Arlington Public Schools. Washington state consistently ranks near the top for the number of new National Board Certified Teachers throughout the nation.

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