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### Local Teacher Recognized for Accomplishments

Jefferson City – Local teacher Linda Griffin is only one of the two teachers to receive National Board Certification which didn't come so easily. She had to go through a lengthy and rigorous assessment which has a less than forty percent success rate.

Linda, who graduated from Arkansas State University in 1979 with a degree in art education started teaching in 1984 at Fordland and became very active with the Missouri Art Education Association (MAEA). In 1990, she furthered her education by attaining a Masters from Southwest Baptist University and continued to teach at Fordland and then moved on to teaching art at Hickory Hills Middle School in 1996.

After so many years of dedicated service and looking for a doctoral program in art education in the Springfield area and finding disappointment she decided to grow as an educator through National Board Certification. "It was an incredible journey of growth, reflection and learning and it has changed to the way I evaluate student artwork" Griffin said.

On Wednesday, February 16, 2005 she was recognized for her efforts by the Missouri National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Network at the Governor's Mansion for accomplishment.