

BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Policy Code:

2123

Board members are encouraged to participate in school board development activities designed for them. New board members will have the opportunity and will be encouraged to attend orientation programs for new board members sponsored by the state and national school board associations. It is the responsibility of the board and the superintendent to provide new board members with a thorough orientation to board policies, practices, and duties.

Each board member shall fulfill the legal requirement to receive a minimum of 12 hours of training every two years.

All board members must receive a minimum of two hours of ethics education within 12 months after initial election or appointment to office and again within 12 months after each subsequent election or appointment to office. This education must address the laws and principles that govern conflicts of interest and ethical standards for local government officials. The superintendent or designee shall maintain records verifying that each board member has participated in the required ethics education. The ethics education required under this paragraph may be counted towards the 12-hour training requirement.

Unless otherwise approved by the board, such training must be provided by the following entities: the school system, the North Carolina School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association, the School of Government, or the Department of Public Instruction. If a board member wishes to receive training credit or be reimbursed for attending training offered by another entity, he or she must obtain approval from the board.

Funds for participation and associated expenses are included in each board member's compensation, except funds for participation in conferences approved by the board in advance. Such conference expenses shall be reimbursed by the school system based upon the availability of funds.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-50; 160A-86, -87

Cross References: Code of Ethics for School Board Members (policy 2120)

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