

BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

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NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

The Board of Education is responsible for providing orientation to new Board members in a timely manner. The Board chairperson, or his or her designee, shall make appropriate arrangements for the orientation as soon as practical after a new Board member assumes office. Board members and employees shall cooperate fully and respectfully to assist new members and members-elect to become fully informed about the Board's functions, policies, procedures, and current issues.

BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

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 boards associations. It is the responsibility of the Board to provide new Board members with a thorough orientation to Board policies, practices, and duties.

Each Board member must 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 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 District, 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 will be budgeted annually, and reimbursement for expenses will be made in accordance with law and applicable Board policy.

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

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

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