

Descriptor Term:  
BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Descriptor Code:  
2.1230

Legal References: G.S. 115C-50; 160A-83, -84

Cross References:

Board members are encouraged to participate in professional 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. The board shall bear the responsibility to provide new board members 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 annually per calendar year.

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 annual 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/Institute 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/she 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.