

Policy Code: 1120 BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Orientation:

Under the guidance of the Superintendent and experienced Board members, orientation shall be provided for new Board members through activities such as:

1. Discussions with the Superintendent and other members of the Board and the school staff;
2. Workshops for new Board members conducted by state and area school Board associations; and
3. Study of printed and audio-visual materials on school Board policy-making and administrative procedures.

Training:

All members of the Board are required to receive 12 clock 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.

The school system, as a part of its regular on-going staff training, shall annually develop Board member training activities that support the Board's need for development both individually and as a corporate body.

Membership in School Boards Association:

It shall be the policy of the Board to join the North Carolina **School Boards Association and the Consortium of State School Boards Associations.** ~~and National School Boards Associations.~~ All Board members are encouraged to take advantage of development opportunities provided by the North Carolina and regional or national school boards associations.

LEGAL REF: [G.S. 115C-47](#), [-50](#), [160A-86](#), [-87](#)

CROSS REF: Code of Ethics for Members (Policy 1110)

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