

BOARD POLICY
Board Member Development Opportunities

Descriptor Code: BBBC

The Board of Education places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of in-service education for its members. The central purpose of the program is to enhance the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of public school governance in our community. The Board shall plan specific in-service activities designed to assist Board members in their efforts to improve their skills as members of a policymaking body; to expand their knowledge about trends, issues, and new ideas affecting the continued welfare of our local schools; and to deepen their insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society.

Funds may be budgeted annually to support the program. Individual Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses, according to State guidelines, incurred through participation in approved activities. The Board as a whole shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in planned activities.

The Board regards the following as the kinds of activities and services appropriate for implementing this policy:

1. Participation in school board conferences, workshops and conventions held by the state and national school boards associations.
2. District-sponsored training sessions for Board members.
3. State Board of Education sponsored training sessions.
4. Subscriptions to publications addressed to the concerns of Board members.

All Board members shall attend at least one day of professional training annually. Such training sessions shall be made available through the Georgia School Boards Association Institute and the Georgia Education Leadership Academy. Certificates of completion shall be presented to Board members who attend these sessions.

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Cherokee County Board of Education