

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION/BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for facilitating the board members' awareness of their roles and responsibility to ensure their accountability to the public.

The board and superintendent, to the best of their ability, will assist each newly elected member to understand the board's functions, policies and procedures. The superintendent will provide each newly elected member with materials pertinent to board operations, including a copy of the board policy manual.

State law requires orientation training for all new district board members within one year after taking office. The training must address the powers, duties and responsibilities of a board member including, but not limited to, policy development, personnel, superintendent-board relations, instructional programs, district finance, school law, ethics, and community relations.

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Legal References:

- A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 8-15-60 – Professional development opportunities
 - 2. Section 59-19-45 – Orientation for school district boards of trustees and county board of education.