

**SUBJECT: ORIENTING NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board and its staff shall assist each new member-elect to understand the Board's functions, policies, and procedures before he/she takes office, by the following methods:

- a) The electee shall be given selected material on the job of being part of the Board, which material is supplied by the New York State School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association, and/or other professional organizations;
- b) The electee shall be invited to attend Board meetings and meet with the Superintendent or BOE President to discuss District meeting structures before their first meeting as a Board member.
- c) The Clerk shall supply material pertinent to meetings and shall explain its use;
- d) The electee shall be invited to meet with the Superintendent and other administrative personnel to discuss services they perform for the Board;
- e) A copy of the Board's policies and by-laws shall be given to the electee by the Clerk. A copy of the New York State School Boards Association and New York State Bar Association School Law will be made available to the new member;
- f) The opportunity shall be provided for new Board members to attend the New York State School Boards Association orientation program.

Training requirements for Board members in the first year of their first term as a Board member is two-fold.

**Training on Financial Oversight, Accountability and Fiduciary Responsibilities**

Currently, within the first year of election or appointment, each Board member must complete a minimum of six (6) hours of training on the financial oversight, accountability and fiduciary responsibilities of a school board member.

Re-elected Board members are not required to repeat this training. Additionally, re-training is not required if the Board member has previously fulfilled this requirement as a first-term member of a component school district.

**Training on Powers, Functions and Duties of Board Members and Other Authorities**

Beginning July 1, 2011 and thereafter, in addition to the above training, during the first year of a Board member's first term, he/she shall be required to complete a training course acquainting them with the powers, functions and duties of Boards of Education, as well as the powers and duties of other governing and administrative authorities affecting public education.

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**Curricula and Compliance**

Training on financial oversight, accountability and fiduciary responsibilities shall be approved by the Commissioner of Education in consultation with the State Comptroller. General training shall be approved by the Commissioner of Education. Providers shall be approved by the Commissioner. Curricula may be offered together as a single course or separately.

Upon completing the required training, the Board member shall file with the District Clerk a certificate of completion issued by the provider of the training. Actual and necessary expenses incurred by a Board member in complying with these requirements are a lawful charge of the District.

Education Law Section 2102-a  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations  
(NYCRR) Sections 170.12(a)

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