

School Board Training Requirements

A Quick Guide for those New to Board Service



It is important that school board members are aware of and receive quality training every year. Topics are in statute, specifically Texas Education Code section 11.159 and 19 Texas Administrative Code section 61.1. The Superintendent's Administrative Assistant will typically register board members for training. He/she is also the official keeper of training records/certificates.

Within the first 90 days:

- Open Meetings Act (1 hour) and Public Information Act (1 hour)

Within the first 120 days:

- Local District Orientation (3 hours)
- Orientation to the Texas Education Code (3 hours)
- Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes (3 hours every two years)
- Human Trafficking (1 hour every two years)
- School Safety (2 hours) available via TEALearn
- Parental Rights (2 hours) available via TEALearn (opens June 2026)

Following each legislative session:

- Update to the Texas Education Code

During the first year:

- Team-Building (3 hours every year)
- Additional Education based on the [Framework for School Board Development](#) (10 hours the first year, 5 hours in every subsequent year)
- Cybersecurity (every year, length of time varies)

Go [here](#) for more information about training opportunities and access to ESC Region 12 support. Our team of Field Service Agents, all former Superintendents, is available to answer questions.