

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS

Citizens elected to the Governing Board are entrusted with the responsibility of governing district schools. The Board recognizes that its members need training that helps them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and develop boardsmanship skills.

Therefore, the Board may hold membership in, or otherwise become a member of, any national, state or local organization of governing boards of school districts or members thereof which has for its purposes the promotion and advancement of public education through research and investigation, and the cooperation with persons and associations whose interest and purposes are the betterment of the educational opportunities of the children of the state.

The Board looks upon such memberships as opportunities to provide:

1. Inservice education benefits to the Board and staff which come from participation in meetings, conferences and clinics.
2. Access to the communication media of such associations, such as newsletters, periodicals and advisory services.
3. Representation in actions affecting education in general and the district in particular.

The Board, in maintaining such memberships, in no way abdicates its authority over the responsibility for the schools of the district as outlined in state law and Board policy.

All Board members may attend conferences for the purpose of Board development. Board business shall not be discussed at conferences.

Board members shall report to the Board, orally or in writing, as soon as possible of the inservice activities they attend.

Funds shall be budgeted annually for such memberships and for participation by Board members.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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| §33360 | Department of Education and statewide association of school district boards;
annual workshop |
| §35172 | Promotional activities |

GOVERNMENT CODE

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| §54950-54963 | The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially |
| §54952.2 | Meeting |

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