

# South Coast Education Service District

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## **Board Member Development**

The complexity of Board membership demands opportunities for development, study and training of its members. The Board places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of in-service education for its members.

In order for Board members to develop leadership capabilities, become informed about current issues in education and improve their skills as members of a policymaking body, Board members may participate in opportunities for development that may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. In-service activities planned by the Board and in-service planned by the administration for staff members, as appropriate;
2. Participation in conferences, workshops and conventions held by the School Board Associations, Association of Educational Service Districts and other educational organizations.

### **Conference Attendance**

The ESD advocates attendance at conferences and training sessions as desirable for the improvement of the Board's professional development. Since the ESDs are in the unique position of providing valuable support services to local component districts, it is critically important that the ESD provide a reservoir of ideas and techniques for the total enhancement of education programs. To accomplish this, it is necessary for the ESD Board members to have both current knowledge and the techniques for the total enhancement of education programs. To this end, the Board shall appraise conference and training programs to determine their consistency with ESD objectives.

Recognizing the need for continuing training and development of its members, the Board encourages the participation of all of its members at appropriate conferences, conventions and workshops. In order to control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board establishes these principles and procedures for its guidance:

1. The superintendent will inform Board members, in a timely manner, of impending conferences, conventions and workshops;
2. Funds for participation at conferences, workshops, and conventions will be budgeted;
3. The Board will be reimbursed at the same rate as staff;
4. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those who do participate will be requested to share information, recommendation and materials acquired at the meeting by means of written or oral reports.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 334.100](#)

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