

BOARDSMANSHIP Award PROGRAM

As School Board Members, we should endorse life-long learning. What better way to lead than by example with active participation in the Tennessee School Boards Association Boardsmanship Program. This program allows you to enhance your boardsmanship skills and show your community that you take your public servant role seriously.

TSBA wants to recognize you for your commitment to training, your willingness to participate in workshops and conferences, and the volunteer spirit you bring to your association and your local board. We want to honor not only quality of participation, but quantity of participation.

All through the year, TSBA will monitor attendance from approved meetings, workshops and training sessions and the attendance will build your own personal transcript. Boardsmanship transcripts are divided into three categories: School Board Academy modules, Experiences, and Events. Experiences are past events/activities that you have completed on your own time as a board member. You can self-report your experiences to your Board Secretary or TSBA to be added to your transcript. TSBA will add your attendance for School Board Academy modules and events to your transcript. Please refer to the chart below for the required amount of credits in each category to reach each level.

At our annual Fall District Meetings in September, your association will come bearing awards for those board members who have reached levels I, II, III and IV. At our convention, members achieving Level V will be honored. When you reach Level V you will be a Master School Board Member. A Master School Board Member has achieved a level of personal and professional growth that sets an example for fellow board members. Award recipients will receive an attractive, custom-designed lapel pin designating their level of achievement.

Awards & Recognition
Level I: Silver pin with green fill
Level II: Silver pin with white fill
Level III: Silver pin with red fill
Level IV: Silver pin with blue fill; press release to media
Level V Master Board Member: Gold pin; press release; photo to media

Boardsmanship Requirements

	SBA Modules (7 credits each)	Experiences (3 credits each)	Events (Credits vary)	Total
Level I	14	6	30	50
Level II	21	12	67	100
Level III	28	18 Complete Self Evaluation	104 Attend Leadership Conference	150
Level IV	35	24	141 Evaluate a meeting of another school board	200
Level V Master Board Member	42	34	174 Submit Portfolio for judging	250

Please refer to the next page on how to gain credits in each category.

BOARDSMANSHIP Award CREDITS

You can earn Boardsmanship Awards and even become a Master School Board Member by participating in the following activities in each category:

1. School Board Academy Modules: 7 Credits Each

Core modules:

- Orientation
- Advocating the Board's Vision
- Board Policy and Operations
- Board/Superintendent Relations
- School Law
- The Board's Role in School Finance

Electives/Other Modules:

- A Deep Dive into Boardsmanship
- Planning: A Joint Venture
- Teaming & the School Board
- eBoardsmanship (Online Module)

2. Experiences: 3 Credits Each

- Attend a county commission/city council meeting
- Attend a meeting of another school board
- Attend a State Board of Education meeting
- Complete a Self Evaluation
- Facilitate a presentation to board members
- Testify before the Legislature
- Participate in a Board Self Evaluation
- Participate in a webinar
- Present at the NSBA Convention
- Serve as a SCOPE Group Leader
- Serve as judge for TSBA Awards
- Evaluate a meeting of another school board
- Serve as Tennessee Legislative Representative
- Serve as TSBA OPEB Trustee
- Serve on FRN
- Serve on TSBA Board of Directors
- Speak on education at a PTA/civic club, etc.
- Serve as a TSBA Convention Moderator
- Serve as a TSBA Convention Presenter
- Visit a legislator or congressman in his/her office
- Write an article for a newspaper on board activities
- Write an article for an educational journal

3. Events: Credits Vary

10 Credits Each

- American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Conference
- NSBA Annual Convention
- NSBA Education Technology Site Visit
- NSBA CUBE Annual Conference
- TSBA Annual Convention

7 Credits Each

- NSBA Advocacy Institute
- NSBA Leadership Conference
- NSBA Equity Symposium
- TSBA SCOPE Conference
- TSBA Legislative and Legal Institute
- TSBA Summer Law Institute
- TSBA Board Chairman Workshop
- TSBA Leadership Conference
- TETA Administrator's Technology Academy
- Helping Board Members Connect to Today's Labor Market (Online Module)
- Legal Issues Impacting School Boards (Online Module)
- Safety in Schools Training Series (Online Module)

3 Credits Each

- TSBA Fall District Meeting
- TSBA Pre-Convention Legal Workshop
- TSBA Pre-Convention Legislative Workshop

Credit opportunities may vary each year.

Please refer to your Boardsmanship transcript for the most current opportunities to gain credits.