

# 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 training/events and conventions/workshops and the attendance will build your own personal transcript. Boardsmanship transcripts are divided into three categories: Training/Events, Experiences, and Conventions/Workshops. Experiences are past 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. To view or download your transcript, log in to your TSBA board member portal.

At our annual Fall District Meetings in September, TSBA will award board members who have achieved levels I, II, III, and IV. At our convention, members achieving Level V will be honored. A Master Board Member has achieved a level of personal and professional growth that sets an example for fellow board members. To achieve Level V, board members will have to submit a portfolio for judging.

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
Level V Master Board Member: Gold pin

## Boardsmanship Requirements

	Training/Events (Credits vary)	Experiences (3 credits each)	Conventions/Workshops (Credits vary)
Level I	21	6	13
Level II	35	12	26
Level III	49	18 Complete Self Evaluation	42
Level IV	63	24 Evaluate a meeting of another school board	58
Level V Master Board Member	77	34	74 Submit Portfolio for judging

# BOARDSMANSHIP *Award* CREDITS

You can earn Boardsmanship Awards by participating in the following activities in each category:

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## Training/Events:

### 14 Credits Each

- Orientation

### 7 Credits Each

- Advocating the Board's Vision
- Board Policy and Operations
- Board/Superintendent Relations
- School Law
- The Board's Role in School Finance
- A Deep Dive into Boardsmanship
- Strategic Planning: A Joint Venture
- Teaming & the School Board
- TSBA Legislative and Legal Institute
- TSBA Summer Law Institute
- TSBA Board Chairman Seminar
- TSBA Leadership Conference
- eBoardsmanship (Online Module)
- Helping Board Members Connect to Today's Labor Market (Online Module)
- Legal Issues Impacting School Boards (Online Module)

## 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 COSSBA 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 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

## Conventions/Workshops:

### 10 Credits Each

- American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Conference
- COSSBA Annual Conference
- COSSBA Urban Boards Alliance Conference
- Southern Region Leadership Conference
- TSBA Annual Convention

### 7 Credits Each

- COSSBA Advocacy Institute
- COSSBA Leadership Conference
- Safety in Schools Online Series
- TSBA SCOPE Conference

### 3 Credits Each

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

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