

ORIENTATION

Board Candidate Orientation

Orientation will be provided for Governing Board candidates so that insofar as possible, new members will be prepared to discuss and cast informed votes on matters before the Board from the time that they are sworn into office.

The Board invites all candidates to attend public Board meetings during the period of their candidacy. The Superintendent shall cooperate impartially with all candidates in providing them with Board policies and public information about school programs.

The Board expects candidates to recognize that until they are elected to the Board, they are, like other members of the public, not entitled to privileged information discussed in closed session.

New Board Member Orientation

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall help each new member-elect to understand district operations and the Board's functions, policies and procedures as soon after election as possible. Incoming members may receive informational materials on the function of the Board and the school system, attend Board meetings, meet with the Superintendent or designee and Board president, receive a copy of the district's policy manual, and visit school facilities.

The incoming member may attend, at district expense, workshops for newly elected members conducted by the state and/or the California School Boards Association.

(cf. 9240 - Development in Service)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33360 Department of Education and statewide association of school district boards; annual workshops

33362 Reimbursement of expenses; member of school district board