

1.11 Board Training

All Board members are required by law to obtain a minimum of 6 hours of accredited instruction per calendar year. Newly elected Board members are required to obtain a minimum of 9 hours within the first 18 months of their election.

The state required training and instruction shall include topics relevant to school laws, school operations, and the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the members of the school board. This instruction may be received from an institution of higher learning in Arkansas, from instruction sponsored or approved by the Department of Education, or an in-service training program conducted by or through the Arkansas School Boards Association.

The Fayetteville School District is authorized to pay per diem and other necessary expenses to school board members when they attend the training and instruction necessary to obtain the minimum required number of hours of annual training.

In addition to the training required under A.C.A § 6-13-629, Board members shall obtain a minimum of 6 additional hours of Fayetteville School District-specific education each calendar year. The information shall include education on the district's budget and budgeting process, school finance and funding mechanisms, district curriculum and instruction, district goals and objectives, and Board policies and strategic plan. Other topics may be included but shall not supplant the required topics included herein. Education may be provided by District staff or other qualified professionals of the District's choosing and may be presented in workshops and/or part of a regular board meeting.

Legal Reference: A.C.A § 6-13-629

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