

Bylaw 9240: Board Training

The Governing Board believes that the Governing Board's ability to effectively and responsibly govern the district is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in district schools. Governing Board members shall participate in mandatory ethics training, as outlined below, and are encouraged to participate in ongoing opportunities for professional development sufficient to help them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and improve governance skills.

Unless a Governing Board member's term expires prior to January 1, 2026, each Governing Board member shall complete ethics training in accordance with Government Code 53234-53235.2 by January 1, 2026, and at least once every two years thereafter. (Government Code 53235)

Once completed, the Governing Board member shall inform the Governing Board president and Superintendent or designee, who shall ensure that records are retained for each Governing Board member's participation in the required ethics training.

The Governing Board president and/or the Superintendent or designee shall provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed Governing Board members consistent with Board Bylaw 9230 - Orientation.

The Governing Board president shall work with the Superintendent or designee to include funds for professional development and associated reasonable travel expenses for the Governing Board as a whole and for each individual Governing Board member in the district's proposed annual budget.

Consistent with the availability of funds in the district's adopted annual budget, the Governing Board president or designee may annually develop, and bring to the Governing Board for adoption at a Board meeting, a Governing Board professional development calendar designed to assist the Governing Board as a whole in understanding the principles of effective governance, including, but not limited to, information on school finance and budgets, student achievement and assessment, labor relations, community relations, program evaluation, open meeting laws (the Brown Act), conflict of interest laws, and other topics necessary to govern effectively and in compliance with law.

Consistent with the availability of funds in the district's adopted annual budget, individual Governing Board members may identify and participate in additional professional development opportunities, and shall timely inform the Governing Board president and the Superintendent upon doing so. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall establish timelines and

procedures for how an individual Governing Board member shall request that the district pay for such professional development opportunities, whether in advance or by reimbursement.

Individual Governing Board members are encouraged to share the knowledge or skills acquired from individual professional development opportunities with the full Governing Board, thereby benefiting the Governing Board and district.

Consistent with Governing Board Bylaw 9320 - Meetings And Notices, Governing Board members may attend a professional development opportunity as part of a conference or similar public gathering, such as the Annual Education Conference and Trade Show hosted by CSBA, so long as a majority of the Governing Board members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the district's jurisdiction