

BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

A new member of the Board shall be afforded the Board's and Administrative Staff's full measure of courtesy and cooperation. The Board and Superintendent shall make every reasonable effort to assist the new member to become informed about the Board's functions, policies, and procedures.

1. In the interim between election and assuming office, the new member will be invited to attend all meetings and functions of the Board, as deemed appropriate by the Board.
2. New members shall receive a Tyler County Policy Manual.
3. The Superintendent and his or her staff will conduct a workshop for new members regarding county policies, procedures, educational programs, the budget process and finances.

As a new member, an individual will be responsible for:

1. Attending and completing a State Board approved course of orientation relating to boardsmanship and governance, effectiveness, prior to assuming the duties of a board member. Members appointed to the Board shall attend and complete the next such course offered following their appointment;
2. Becoming familiar with Board policies and State laws governing education;
3. Discussing the board's responsibilities with present board members, gathering facts and opinions, keeping an open mind and reserving judgment.
4. Discussing problems fully with the Superintendent and with fellow board members; and
5. Remembering that an individual's work is that of a member of the entire board, representing the whole county, not certain selected geographical areas of the county, nor selected segments of the county's population.

All Board members shall annually receive seven clock hours of training in areas relating to boardsmanship and governance effectiveness, as approved by the State Board of Education. In the final year of any four-year term of office, a member must satisfy the annual training requirement before the first day of January.

REFERENCE: WV Code 18-5-1a

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