Overview of Continuing Education Requirements for School Board Members *Updated Jun 10 2026*

Required of Local School Board Members	First Year in Office	Experienced Board Member	Provider	Topic
Local District Orientation	3 hours within the first 120 days in office	N/A	Local District	1
Orientation to the Texas Education Code	3 hours within the first 120 days in office	N/A	Region 16 or authorized registered provider	1
Update to the Texas Education Code	Not Required	* After legislative session: length determined by issues addressed in legislation	Region 16 or authorized registered provider	1
Open Meetins Act (OMA)	1 hour required within 90 days of election or appointment	N/A	Attorney General's Office or other approved provider	1
Public Information Act	Check local district policy for any board requirements (BBD Local)	N/A	Attorney General's Office or other approved provider	1
Artificial Intelligence	1 hour required	1 hour required each year	Region 16 or other DIR-Certified provider	1
Cybersecurity	1 hour required	1 hour required each year	Region 16 or authorized registered provider	1
Child Abuse Prevention	1 hour required every 2 years	1 hour required every 2 years	Region 16 or authorized registered provider	1
School Safety	2 hours within first year	2 hours every other year	TEA Learn (online)	1
EISO/SB1566	** (3 hours) Within the first 120 days	** (3 hours) every 2 years	Region 16 or authorized registered provider	1

* Update required only in a year the legislature meets.

Team-building session must include a review of the roles, rights, & responsibilities of the local board as outlined in the Framework for Governance Leadership and an assessment of continuing education needs of the board-superintendent team	Minimum of 3 hours	Minimum of 3 hours each year	Region 16 or authorized registered provider	2
Additional Continuing Education, based on assessed needs	Minimum of 10 hours	Minimum of 5 hours each year	Region 16 or authorized registered provider	3
Total minimum hours	28 hours +	10 hours +		