

Governance Camp, Powered by Student Voice

March 4, 2026 - March 7, 2026

Galveston

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Why Attend Governance Camp

Governance Camp is a one-of-a-kind conference for board members to reflect, recharge, and reimagine governance through the lens of student voice. It is designed for school board members, superintendents, and education leaders looking to deepen their governance knowledge and connect with peers.

Step out of the everyday and into an experience designed to challenge, inspire, and connect. Governance Camp is the only conference where students present to and alongside Texas trustees, superintendents, and education leaders. It is where districts come together to learn, collaborate, and grow.

Through dynamic student-led sessions, innovative demonstrations, and the highly anticipated Student Voice Scholarship Panel, you will gain fresh perspectives that spark meaningful change. With a camp-style focus on group learning, shared discovery, and exploring new ideas together, Governance Camp feels less like a traditional conference and more like a retreat for leaders ready to explore new trails and discover fresh perspectives together, all from the comfort of A/C.

Join trustees, superintendents, education leaders, and students from across Texas for an immersive learning experience designed to strengthen leadership, amplify student voice, and drive positive changes in public education.

In 2025, attendees:

- Heard from inspiring keynote speakers
- Engaged with the first-ever Teacher Voice Panel
- Experienced a full day dedicated to Student Voice with student-led sessions and demos

In 2026, we're raising the bar even higher — with more opportunities to collaborate, innovate, and lead.

Key Dates at a Glance

Session Submissions (Governance, Student Voice, and District Demos)

- **Now Open!**
- **Close:** Jan. 9, 2026 (5 p.m. CT)

Student Scholarship Applications

- **Open:** Jan. 1, 2026
- **Close:** Jan. 15, 2026 (5 p.m. CT)

Registration

- **Early Registration:** Jan. 14-28, \$497
- **Standard Registration:** Jan. 29-March 3, \$547
- **On-Site Registration:** March 4-7, \$597

Housing

Housing information will be available mid-fall 2025.

Continuing Education Credit Update

On behalf of the Texas Association of School Boards, we want to make you aware that not all sessions offered at Governance Camp may be eligible for continuing education credit due to a new State Board of Education (SBOE) rule.

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Additional Information

For additional information about this event, contact us directly for support at [800-580-8822](tel:800-580-8822).

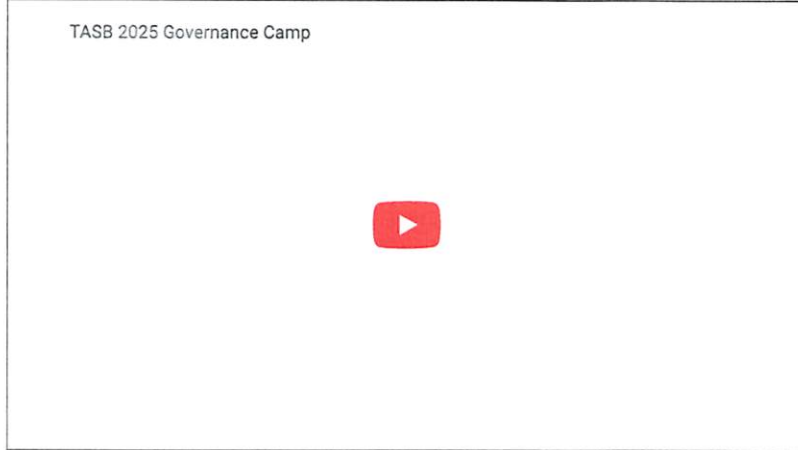
- **Registration:** registrar@tasb.org
- **Housing:** govcamp@chmrooms.com
- **Special Needs:** cristina.mckee@tasb.org
- **Student Voice Scholarship:** cristina.mckee@tasb.org
- **Education or Student Voice Sessions, Student Inspired Sessions, or Other Camp Questions:** nicole.green@tasb.org
- **Event Terms and Conditions**

Last November, the SBOE approved new board training rules that require each individual to become a registered provider of training credit. In the past, presenters were able to offer credit for their sessions under the umbrella of registered organizations like TASB. This new requirement took effect Aug. 25, 2025. For questions regarding CEC, email CEC@tasb.org.

We will be accepting a wide variety of sessions to support your growth as a trustee, and we're confident that you will be able to craft a schedule that meets your minimum training credit requirements. Thank you for your understanding as we comply with this new state rule.

Visit [CECRS](#) for general information about training requirements and resources.

2025 Governance Camp Recap



Future Dates

- Governance Camp 2027: March 3-6

2026 Governance Camp Schedule

Wednesday, March 4	Pre-Conference and Connection
4-7 p.m.	Badge Pickup
5-7 p.m.	Pre-Conference: Campfire Conversations and Connections (<i>Dinner not included</i>)*
Thursday, March 5	Leadership Camp, Governance, and Student Preview
7 a.m.-5 p.m.	Badge Pickup
7-7:45 a.m.	Individual Professional Headshots by TASB Media
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Opening General Session (Professional Keynote)
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions Block 1 (Leadership and Governance)
10:45-11 a.m.	Break
11 a.m.-noon	Concurrent Sessions Block 2 (Leadership and Governance)
Noon-1:15 p.m.	Lunch and Our Future is Public / Students Inspired Preview
1:15-2:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions Block 3 (Leadership and Governance)
2:15-2:30 p.m.	Break

2:30-3:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions Block 4 (Leadership and Governance)
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45-5 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions Block 5 (Leadership and Governance)
5-6 p.m.	Evening in the Commons (Network Reception w/ Student Band)
6-8 p.m.	<i>Dinner on Own</i>
8-10 p.m.	Tentative: Camp After Hours - Sponsored by E3
Friday, March 6	Student Voice, Discovery, and Reflection
7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Badge Pickup
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast + Students Inspired District Demonstrations Open
8-8:15 a.m.	Officer Welcome / Camp Morning Announcements
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions Block 1 (Student Voice)
9:30-10 a.m.	Break (<i>Demos remain open</i>)
10-11 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions Block 2 (Student Voice)
11-11:30 a.m.	Break (<i>Last Block Demos open</i>)
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions Block 3 (Student Voice)
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch (<i>Provided</i>)
1:30-2:45 p.m.	Closing General Session (Student Voice Scholarship Panel)
2:45-3:30 p.m.	Farewell Coffee / Reflection Circles
Saturday, March 7	Optional Post-Conference Training
7-8 a.m.	Trail's End Breakfast
8-11 a.m.	Post-Conference Required Training*

*Preregistration required

Note: This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Submit a Session

Shape the conversation.

Does your board, district team, or group of students have something powerful to share? Submit a session and inspire leaders from across Texas.



Session Submission Window

Now open! Nov. 1, 2025-Jan. 9, 2026 at 5 p.m. (CT)

What We Are Looking For

We're seeking sessions and demonstrations that highlight innovative governance, student leadership, and success stories in Texas public schools. Proposals should encourage dialogue, spark ideas, and strengthen board leadership.

Before you submit, please review the [Session Proposal Guide](#), which includes more comprehensive details, examples, and tips to help craft a strong submission. Download and printing is strongly encouraged.

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Session Types

Leadership and Governance-Focused Sessions

- **Purpose:** These are the educational backbone of Governance Camp. Showcase strategies, innovations, and lessons that drive student success and amplify student voice.
- **Presenters:** Consist of Trustees, District leadership, TASB experts & other K-12 thought leaders, *including at least one (1) TEA Registered Provider*
- **Length:** 60 minutes; including interactive engagement with attendees and Q&A. (Scheduled for **Thursday, March 5, 2026**)

Student Voice Sessions

- **Purpose:** Highlight the authentic experiences of Texas public school students that reveal how policy, practice, and personal agency intersect to influence achievement and educational outcomes.
- **Presenters:** Sessions should be presented or co-presented by students, *and preferably with at least one (1) TEA Registered Provider*
- **Length:** 60 minutes; including interactive engagement with attendees and Q&A. (Scheduled for **Friday, March 5, 2026**)
- **Formats:** Panel, presentation, open discussion.
- **Content:** Showcase initiatives and stories that amplify student leadership, advocacy, and collaboration with educators or policymakers to improve learning and school culture.

Students Inspired District Demonstrations

- **Purpose:** Give students the platform to lead hands-on, interactive experiences in an "exhibit" style setting.
- **Presenters:** Demonstrations should be led or co-led by students.
- **Length:** 5-15 minutes demos *repeated before meals and during conference breaks. (Scheduled for **Friday, March 5, 2026**)
- **Format:** Mini demonstrations where students preview their project, to all attendees on a flow.
- **Content:** Projects or programs that demonstrate student innovation, creativity, leadership and real-world learning.

Submitting a Student Voice Session or Students Inspired District Demonstration?

Please reference the [Proposal Guide](#) for additional information regarding demonstration examples, submission instructions, attendance expectations, and important details regarding housing, meals and transportation.

Session Content Categories

Content should focus on developing the knowledge or skills of trustees in any of the themes of the [Framework for School Board Development](#). View the [Standard Session Categories](#) for definitions and examples.

- Vision and Goals
- Systems and Processes
- Progress and Accountability
- Advocacy and Engagement
- Synergy and Teamwork

Session Submission Guidelines

Eligibility and Limits:

- No more than two (2) applications per school district or organization will be eligible for consideration, **per session type**.
- Educational, neutral, and free of commercial motivation or intent.
- All proposed content leaders must be listed. "To Be Determined" or blank placeholders for panelists or co-presenters will not be accepted.
- Sales and/or vendor submissions will NOT be accepted.

TEA Registered Provider Requirement

Please refer to the [Helpful Resources](#) section for documents where you can learn more about the application, how to register, and best practices.

- Individuals wishing to present a session at Governance Camp **should have at least one (1) of their presenters registered** using TEA's [New Registered Provider application](#). This presenter will be identified as the registered provider, and their provider number will be displayed on CEC slides and credit reports accessible to board and their districts.
- *Session without a registered provider will be noted in the program as ineligible for training. This may significantly reduce attendance numbers to the session.*

Registration:

- All presenters, co-presenters, support staff and chaperones **must register** for the conference, including paying the appropriate fee to attend.

Note: TASB will not contact co-presenters, it is **Submitter/Primary Contact's** responsibility to relay all session guidelines and information to the primary presenter, co-presenters, panelists & chaperones.

Presenter Agreement

- Please review the [TASB Presenter Agreement](#)
- Submission of an application does not guarantee selection.
- Accepted submissions notified via email by **Jan. 22, 2026**.

Helpful Resources

- [2026 Proposal Guide](#)
- [Required Information for Submitting a proposal](#)
- [TASB Presenter Agreement](#)
- [TASB's TEA Provider Application Guide](#)
- [TEA Provider Application](#)
- [Best Practices for Meeting SBOE Training Content Requirements](#)

For concurrent session and student voice activities questions, email events@tasb.org.



TASB Presenter Agreement

2026 Scholarship Opportunity

Application window: Jan. 1-15, 2026.

A highlight of TASB's Governance Camp is the **Student Scholarship and Panel**. Each year, five Texas public high school seniors are selected to join us in Galveston and share their unique public-school journeys with trustees and community leaders.

Scholarship Award

- Each selected student will receive a **\$1,500 scholarship** and the chance to share their stories during Governance Camp (generously sponsored by [Walsh Gallegos](#)).
- Hotel, travel, and meal costs (within allowance)
- Participation in the Student Panel Session during Camp
- Recipients must attend and participate in the Student Panel at the **2026 Governance Camp, March 4-7, 2026, in Galveston, Texas**.

Eligibility Requirements

- Current Texas public high school senior
- If awarded, students must commit to attending:
 - **Thursday, March 5, 2026:** Scholarship Dinner
 - **Friday, March 6, 2026:** Student Panel Session

Application Information

The online application is open **Jan. 1-15, 2026** and will be posted here.

For scholarship questions, please contact [Cristina McKee](#).

Thank You to Our Sponsor



2026 Registration Information

Registration opens **Wednesday, Jan. 14** at 9 a.m. (CT).