

# Current Trustee Training Requirements

You have a mountain of tasks to manage as a Texas school board member. Figuring out what required training you need shouldn't be one of them. Our easy-to-read chart and guide break down training requirements by tier.

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Serving as a school board member comes with plenty of challenges. Earning and reporting training credit hours shouldn't be one of them.

Whether you're a new board member learning about training requirements for the first time, or an experienced board member ready to learn about options that better suit your interests, TASB has you covered.

We offer a variety of professional development that helps you earn continuing education credit (CEC) while growing in your role and feeding your passions for school governance. All training options for trustees are based on the continuing education requirements adopted by the State Board of Education.

## New Board Member Training Requirements (First Year of Service)

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| <b>First 90 days</b>                             |                                                                                                |
| <b>Open Meetings Act (OMA)</b><br>1–2 hours      | Available through TASB's <a href="#">Online Learning Center</a> or other registered providers. |
| <b>Public Information Act (PIA)</b><br>1–2 hours | PIA training may be delegated by district policy.                                              |

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| <b>First 120 days</b>                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Local District Orientation</b><br>3 hours                                                                  | Provided by your school district.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Orientation to the Texas Education Code</b><br>3 hours                                                     | Provided through your local Education Service Center (ESC).                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes</b><br>3 hours                                                   | <a href="#">Available through TASB</a> or other authorized providers.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children (Child Abuse Prevention)</b><br>1 hour | <a href="#">Available through TASB</a> or other registered providers.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>School Safety</b><br>2 hours                                                                               | Provided through <a href="#">TEA Learn</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Within first year</b>                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Cybersecurity</b><br>1 hour                                                                                | See the <a href="#">Texas Department of Information Resources</a> for providers.                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Team Building</b><br>3 hours                                                                               | <a href="#">Available through TASB</a> or other registered providers.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Additional Required Training</b><br>10 hours                                                               | <a href="#">Available through TASB</a> : Additional education based on Framework for School Board Development is available through TASB's conferences, events, and continuing education programs. Also available through other providers. |

## Experienced Member Training Requirements (More Than One Year of Service)

**Note:** Required hours will vary year to year depending on how the Post-Legislative Update, Child Abuse, and Student Achievement and Accountability hours fall for an individual trustee.

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| <b>Annual</b>                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Cybersecurity</b><br>1 hour                                                                                             | See the <a href="#">Texas Department of Information Resources</a> for providers.                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Team Building</b><br>3 hours                                                                                            | <a href="#">Available through TASB</a> or other registered providers.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Additional Required Training</b><br>5 hours (Up to 5 hours online; up to 1 hour using self-instructional materials)     | <a href="#">Available through TASB</a> : Additional education based on Framework for School Board Development is available through TASB's conferences, events, and continuing education programs. Also available through other providers. |
| <b>Biennial (every other year)</b>                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children</b> (Child Abuse Prevention)<br>1 hour              | <a href="#">Available through TASB</a> or other registered providers.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Update to the Texas Education Code</b><br>Sufficient length ~ 1–2 hours after each legislative session                  | <a href="#">Available through TASB</a> or other registered providers.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Evaluation and Improving Student Outcomes</b><br>3 hours (By the second anniversary of completion of previous training) | <a href="#">Available through TASB</a> or other authorized providers.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>School Safety</b><br>2 hours                                                                                            | Provided through <a href="#">TEA Learn</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                              |

