

# BOARDSMANSHIP FOR BEGINNERS

# LEVEL UP

## 2026-27 COHORT

School board leadership is far more complicated and nuanced than even the most-prepared new school board member realizes. It requires practical knowledge on topics ranging from state and federal requirements to the budgeting process and soft skills to shape culture and institute change.

It can take a board member years to acquire the experience to govern effectively. OSBA is now offering an accelerated track to master the intricacies that define the best school board governance.

**Level Up — Boardsmanship for Beginners** is an innovative program from the OSBA Board Development experts to support newer school board members' success through training, mentorship and peer connections.

Boardsmanship for Beginners is designed as a two-year program, but in a special first-cohort offer, school board members who sign up by **Friday, Feb. 27**, will have the opportunity to receive the first year in just four months at a one-time discounted rate. OSBA also will take 5% off the price for a second member from the same board and keep reducing the cost by 5% each time additional members sign up.

**For this first cohort, OSBA will convene an introductory virtual meeting Tuesday, March 3.**

*The first regional in-person meetings will be in April.*

To sign up, email Reggie Glenn at [rglenn@osba.org](mailto:rglenn@osba.org).

To learn more, visit  
[osba.org-level-up](http://osba.org-level-up)

**The two-year program comes with continuing support that includes:**

- **Free registration for OSBA's acclaimed Annual Convention, including preconference.**
- **Free registration for the Summer School Session conference most convenient for you.**
- **One regional in-person training per year as well as a cohort meeting at Annual Convention.**
- **Quarterly cafes**, which are virtual get-togethers with discussions on selected topics.
- **Subscription to a cohort listserv.**
- **Partnership with a mentor in the second year.**
- **A free copy of OSBA's customizable New Board Member Handbook for your organization.**
- **A certificate of achievement to acknowledge the extra effort by a member to master school board governance.**

