

ORIENTATION**BOARD CANDIDATE ORIENTATION**

The Governing Board desires to provide Board candidates with orientation that will enable them to understand the responsibilities of Board membership. The Superintendent or designee shall provide all candidates with general information about school programs, District operations and Board responsibilities.

The Board encourages all candidates to attend public Board meetings during the period of their candidacy. Candidates have the same access as members of the public to District staff and information.

NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall help each new member-elect to understand District operations and the Board's functions, policies and procedures as soon after election as possible. Incoming members shall be informed that they must conform to the requirements of the Brown Act as if they had already assumed office. Incoming members shall also receive information about the District's policy manual and other materials related to the school system and Board member responsibilities.

Incoming members are encouraged to attend Board meetings and meet with the Superintendent or designee and Board president regarding their role and responsibilities. They also may, at District expense, attend workshops for newly elected members.

LEGAL REFERENCES**EDUCATION CODE**

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| 33360 | Department of Education and Statewide Association of School District Boards;
Annual Workshops |
| 33362 | Reimbursement of Expenses; Member of School District Board |

GOVERNMENT CODE

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| 54950 - 54962 | The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially: |
| 54952.1 | Member of a Legislative Body |
| 54952.7 | Copies of Brown Act to Board Members |