

2024 School Board Governance Recognition

School Board Governance Recognition is designed to acknowledge school boards that have engaged in activities that lead to excellence in local school governance in support of quality public education, the hallmarks of IASB's vision statement.

All IASB member school boards are invited to apply for this recognition, covering a two-year period — July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024. Once this recognition is received, boards may apply for renewal every two years. Boards who received recognition in 2023 can reapply in 2025.

The application process is rigorous and requires the involvement of the entire board of education and the superintendent over the two-year period. Applicants are encouraged to review each of the requirements in advance in order to ensure a proper submission.

Recipients of this recognition will be acknowledged at their Fall Division Meeting and in the IASB Info Center at the Joint Annual Conference in November. In order to be considered for this recognition, the following application must be completed, verified by the board president, and submitted no later than **July 1, 2024**.

To be eligible for the School Board Governance Recognition, applicants must meet all the requirements.

Good governance requires a commitment to improvement and continual board development. Adopting policies and attending workshops are just the beginning. This recognition is intended to honor boards who model these best practices on an ongoing basis.

Applicants are asked to submit documentation that shows the work of good governance.

Unless noted, responses directing the Governance Recognition Committee to view the district website will not be considered.

ONLINE SUBMISSION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS APPLICATION

Directions and Recommendations

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1. Preview the application and the requirements before you gather your materials.

2. Collect and organize the supporting files and URLs you must upload.
 3. You can now save your progress and return to the same spot you finished. You do not need to complete the application in one sitting.
 4. When you have completed the application and reviewed your work, click the submit button. After you submit, you cannot access the application again.
 5. You will receive an automatic email verifying that your application has been received.
 6. Applications must be completed and submitted **by the end of the day, JULY 1, 2024**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
 7. If you have questions or issues, please contact Haylie Noltensmeier at hnoltensmeier@iasb.com (<mailto:hnoltensmeier@iasb.com>) or (217) 528-9688, ext. 1103.
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District Information

IASB Division *

Board President *

Bard President Email *

Superintendent *

Superintendent Email *

District Contact Person Information

Application contact person in case of questions and follow-up.

Name *

Position *

e.g., Board President, Board Member

Email *

Daytime Phone *



The board has shown commitment to following IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance as evidenced by:

A. Adopting and communicating written mission/vision and goals. The board has a responsibility to clarify district purpose through its unique mission, vision, and goal-setting process.

Submit a brief description of your efforts to communicate your mission, vision, and goals to district stakeholders (staff, parents, community, etc.). *

Attach documentation containing the current mission, vision, and goals from above question. *

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .pdf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png

The board has shown commitment to following IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance as evidenced by:

B. Connecting with the community on issues of importance to the district. Effective boards engage in two-way communication with district parents, staff, and community members.

Submit a brief description of the process(es) used for your board's community connection activities (e.g., surveys, district planning sessions, focus groups, etc.). How is your board informing your community? How are you listening to your community? *

The board has shown commitment to following IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance as evidenced by:

C. Having and implementing a superintendent evaluation process that culminates in a formal annual superintendent evaluation. The board has a responsibility to communicate expectations and provide meaningful feedback regarding performance.

Submit a brief description of the process that involves the steps, timeline, and a description of the superintendent evaluation instrument. *

The board has shown commitment to following IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance as evidenced by:

D. Conducting regular policy reviews and maintaining a current, updated policy manual. Good governance requires the board to maintain up-to-date policies in order to give direction to the district.

Submit a brief description of the policymaking, review, and updating processes used by your board. Include the meeting dates when the board discussed policy revisions over the past two years. *

Provide the URL to the district's policy manual on the district's website, if available.

The board has shown commitment to following IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance as evidenced by:

E. Monitoring progress toward district ends (mission/vision, goals) with the use of data.

Submit a brief written description of the board's efforts to monitor progress by reviewing data. *

The board has shown commitment to following IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance as evidenced by:

F. Implementing an orientation process for newly seated board members that minimally includes an overview of the district and board processes and involves both the superintendent and veteran board members.

Submit a brief description of your orientation process. *

e.g., what is included and who is involved in the orientation.

Attach a copy of any relevant agenda or meeting documentation that will show a formal process to orient new board members - beyond the board reorganization meeting. *

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The board has shown commitment to following IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance as evidenced by:

G. Having an agreed-upon, written, and adopted code of conduct.

Attach documentation of the district's Code of Conduct. *

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The board has shown commitment to following IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance as evidenced by:

H. Collectively and individually, taking responsibility for continuous learning and development as a board.

Submit a description of the learning activities, workshops, and training undertaken by (1) individual board members and (2) the full board. Detailed information regarding how these opportunities, including IASB workshops and events, impacted the governance of the board. *

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The board has shown commitment to following IASB Foundational Principles of Effective Governance as evidenced by:

I. Positively impacting outcomes for students and improving organizational effectiveness.

Submit a description of the projects initiated by the board of education intended to improve student learning and/or organization effectiveness. Examples include, but are not limited to, equity initiatives, student learning improvement programs, building projects, financial stabilization plans, or other local initiatives designed to positively impact the district. This section is an opportunity to tell your story. *

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J. Summary

Describe how conducting the work detailed in this application has impacted the governance of your school district. This response should be provided by a board member. *

Assertions

To the best of my knowledge, as the Board President representing my district, all materials submitted with this application represent the work of our school board. *

Yes

No

I agree to the above assertion. *

Board President's Name

Name of person submitting summary response. *

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