

2023 School Board Governance Recognition Application

Section 1

What is 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 which covers a two-year period — July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023. Once this recognition is received, boards may apply for renewal every two years. Boards who received recognition in 2022 can reapply in 2024.

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 August 1, 2023.

In order to be eligible for the School Board Governance Recognition, applicants must meet all of 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

Section 2

Directions and Recommendations

1. Preview the application and the requirements before you gather your materials.
2. We recommend starting with a Word document, to draft, proof, and edit. Then copy/paste into the application form. Remember that word count limits apply.
3. Collect and organize the supporting files and URLs you will need to upload.
4. Use the same device for the entire completion of the submission process. As long as you use one device, you can access and exit the application as many times as necessary and your partially completed application will be saved until you complete and submit.
5. When you have completed the application and reviewed your work, click the submit button. After you submit, you will not be able to access the application again.
6. You will receive an automatic email that will verify that your application is received.
7. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than the end of the day, **August 1, 2023**. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
8. If you have questions or issues, please contact Haylie Noltensmeier at hnoltensmeier@iasb.com or 217/528-9688, ext. 1103.

Section 3

District Information:

1.District Name:

Enter your answer

2.IASB Division:

Select your answer

3.Board President:

Enter your answer

4.Board President Email:

Enter your answer

5.Superintendent Name:

Enter your answer

6.Superintendent Email:

Enter your answer

Section 4

District Contact Information:

Contact Person (in case of questions and follow-up):

7.Name:

Enter your answer

8.Position (e.g., Board President, Board Member):

Enter your answer

9.Contact Email:

Enter your answer

10.Daytime Phone Number:

Enter your answer

Section 5

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.

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

(Text, 250 words or less)

Enter your answer

12. Attach documentation containing the **current** mission, vision, and goals from question 11.

(Upload one PDF or one Word doc at the link.)

I have submitted my files

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.

13. 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?

(Text, 250 words or less)

Enter your answer

Section 7

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.

14. Submit a brief description of the process that involves the steps, timeline, and a description of the superintendent evaluation instrument. Required to answer.

Multi Line Text.

(Text, 250 words or less)

Enter your answer

Section 8

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.

15. 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. Required to answer. Multi Line Text.

(Text, 250 words or less)

Enter your answer

16. Submit URL to district's policy manual on your district's website (if available). Single line text.

URL

Enter your answer

Section 9

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.

17. Submit a brief written description of the board's efforts to monitor progress by reviewing data. Required to answer. Multi Line Text.

(Text, 250 words or less)

Enter your answer

Section 10

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.

18. Submit a brief description of your orientation process (e.g., what is included and who is involved in the orientation). Required to answer. Multi Line Text.

(Text, 250 words or less)

Enter your answer

19. 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. Required to answer. Single choice.

(Upload one PDF or one Word doc at the link.) <https://tinyurl.com/SBGR1>

I have submitted my files.

Section 11

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.

20. Attach documentation of the district's Code of Conduct. Required to answer.

Single choice.

(Upload one PDF or one Word doc at the link.) <https://tinyurl.com/SBGR20>

I have submitted my files.

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.

21. Submit a description of the learning activities, workshops, and trainings undertaken by (1) individual board members and (2) the full board. Detail information regarding how these opportunities, including IASB workshops and events, impacted the governance of the board. Required to answer. Single choice.

(Upload one PDF or one Word doc at the link.) <https://tinyurl.com/SBGR21>

I have submitted my files.

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.

22. 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. Required to answer. Single choice.

(Upload one PDF or one Word doc at the link.) <https://tinyurl.com/SBGR22>

I have submitted my files.

Section 14

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

J. Summary

23. 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. Required to answer. Multi Line Text.

(Text, 250 words or less)

Enter your answer

24. Name of Board Member submitting summary response? Required to answer. Single line text.

Enter your answer

Assertions

25.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.Required to answer. Single choice.

Yes

No

26.I agree to the above assertion.Required to answer. Single line text.

Board President's Name

Enter your answer