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T.C.A § 49-2-202(a)(6) requires the State Board of Education (State Board) to establish the minimum requirements for the annual training of local school board members. State Board Rule 0520-01-01-.11 sets the process for approval of the training courses and requires the State Board to convene an advisory committee to evaluate and recommend course proposals for approval. Training course approvals are valid for three (3) years, unless otherwise noted in this policy.

This policy lists the training courses recommended by the State Board’s advisory committee and approved by the State Board. The approved courses are available for use by local school board members to meet the training requirements set forth in state law and State Board rule.

- II. **Approved Local School Board Member Training Courses**

The following training courses are approved by the State Board for new and experienced local school board members.

New board members shall complete a minimum of twenty-one (21) credit hours of training courses, with fourteen (14) credit hours from Table 1 and the remaining seven (7) credit hours from Table 2. Experienced board members shall complete a minimum of seven (7) credit hours of training courses from Table 2.

Training courses with an expired approval period and that are no longer approved for credit are included in Table 3.

Table 1. Trainings Approved for New Board Members

Course	Training Entity	Length of Course	Approval Period
New Member Orientation	Tennessee School Boards Association	14.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Tennessee New School Board Member Training Orientation	Leadership Institute	14.0 hours	July 2025 – June 2028

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Table 2. Trainings Approved for New and Experienced Board Members

Course	Training Entity	Length of Course	Approval Period
Stronger Together Board Retreat	Clarksville-Montgomery County School System	7.0 hours	July 2024 – June 2027
Mastering Robert’s Rules of Order	School Board Partners	6.0 hours	July 2026 – June 2029
Continuous Improvement: Leveraging Instruction, Funding, and Supports to Improve Student Outcomes	Sevier County School System	7.0 hours	July 2023 – June 2026; Reapproved July 2026 – June 2029
A Deep Dive into Boardmanship	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Advocating the Board’s Vision	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Basics of Boardmanship	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Board Chairman Seminar	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Board Policy and Operations	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Board / Superintendent Relations	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Charter Schools in Tennessee: Essential Knowledge for Board Members	Tennessee School Boards Association	1.0 hour	July 2025 – June 2028
Ethics: The Cornerstone of Effective Governance	Tennessee School Boards Association	2.0 hours	July 2025 – June 2028
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	Tennessee School Boards Association	1.0 hour	July 2023 – June 2026; Reapproved July 2026 – June 2029

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Leadership Conference	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Legal Issues Impacting School Boards	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Legislative and Legal Institute	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Parliamentary Procedure	Tennessee School Boards Association	2.0 hours	July 2023 – June 2026; Reapproved July 2026 – June 2029
School Boards and the Law	Tennessee School Boards Association	2.0 hours	July 2023 – June 2026; Reapproved July 2026 – June 2029
School Law	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Strategic Planning: A Joint Venture	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Summer Law Institute	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
Teaming and the School Board	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028
The Board’s Role in School Finance	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025; Reapproved July 2025 – June 2028

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Understanding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Americans with Disabilities Act	Tennessee School Boards Association	2.0 hours	July 2023 – June 2026; Reapproved July 2026 – June 2029
Understanding Tennessee’s K-12 Funding Formula	Tennessee School Boards Association	1.0 hour	July 2025 – June 2028

Table 3. Expired Training Courses

Course	Training Entity	Length of Course	Approval Period
Effective Board Communication – Exchanging Viewpoints and Resolving Conflicts	Jackson Shields Yeiser Holt Own & Bryant Firm	3.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025
Creating a Culture of Readiness: A Firsthand Account of a School Tragedy	Safety in Schools	2.0 hours	July 2023 – June 2026
Awareness and Response to Active Shooter Threats	Safety in Schools	3.0 hours	July 2023 – June 2026
Bleeding Control	Safety in Schools	1.0 hour	July 2023 – June 2026
A Conversation About Mental Health	Safety in Schools	2.0 hours	July 2023 – June 2026
New Roles and Culture Shifts in Education	Safety in Schools	0.5 hours	July 2023 – June 2026
Preparedness for the Preventable: Workers’ Compensation	Safety in Schools	1.0 hour	July 2023 – June 2026
Helping Board Members Connect to Today’s Labor Market	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025
Innovative Schools Workshop	Tennessee School Boards Association	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025
Building Unity Principles and Skills Through Curriculum Transparency: Learning to Comply with the New “Prohibited Concepts in Curriculum” Law	Unity Training Solutions	7.0 hours	July 2022 – June 2025
Funding Sources to Include TISA Calculation Methods	Wayne County Board of Education	3.5 hours	July 2023 – June 2024