

**BOARD POLICY****Descriptive Code: BBBC****BOARD MEMBER  
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES****Date: August 10, 1999**

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The Board of Education places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of inservice education for its members. The central purpose of the program is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of public school governance in our community. The Board shall plan specific inservice activities designed to assist board members in their efforts to improve their skills as members of a policymaking body; to expand their knowledge about trends, issues, and new ideas affecting the continued welfare of our local schools; and to deepen their insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society.

Funds may be budgeted annually to support the program. Individual board members shall be reimbursed for expenses, according to state guidelines, incurred through participation in approved activities. The Board as a whole shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in planned activities.

The Board regards the following as the kinds of activities and services appropriate for implementing this policy:

1. Participation in school board conferences, workshops, and conventions held by the state and national school boards associations.
2. District-sponsored training sessions for Board members.
3. Subscriptions to publications addressed to the concerns of board members.

All Board members shall attend at least one day of professional training annually. Such training sessions shall be made available through the Georgia School Boards Association Institute and the Georgia Education Leadership Academy. Certificates of completion shall be presented to Board members who attend these sessions and a copy of the certificate placed in the Board members personal file.

**PROCEDURE: NO****ADOPTED: 10/1/97****REVISED:****Columbia County Board of Education**