

<p>PRESTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FILE: 1 – SCHOOL BOARD BYLAWS AND ORGANIZATION File: 1-6 Orientation of New Board Members</p>	<p>Last Reviewed: 8-9-10 Next Review: 7-1-12</p>
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A person elected to a county board may not assume the duties of county board member unless he/she has first attended and completed a course of orientation relating to boardsmanship and governance effectiveness which shall be given between the date of election and the beginning of the member's term of office under the following conditions:

- ❖ A portion or portions of subsequent training such as that offered in orientation may be provided to members after they have commenced their term of office;
- ❖ Attendance at the session of orientation given between the date of election and the beginning of the member's term of office permits the member-elect to assume the duties of county board member, as specified in WVC §18-5-1a;
- ❖ Members appointed to the county board shall attend and complete the next orientation course offered following their appointment; and
- ❖ The provisions of this subsection relating to orientation do not apply to members who have taken office prior to July 1, 1988, and who serve continuously from that date forward.

Annually, each member of a county board shall receive seven clock hours of training in areas relating to boardsmanship, governance effectiveness, and school performance issues including, but not limited to, pertinent state and federal statutes such as the "Process for Improving Education" set forth in WVC §18-2E-5 and the "No Child Left Behind Act" and their respective administrative rules.

The orientation and training sessions shall be approved by the State Board and conducted by the West Virginia School Board Association or other organization or organizations approved by the State Board.

In the final year of any four-year term of office, a member shall satisfy the annual training requirement before January 1.

Failure to attend and complete the approved course of orientation and training relating to boardsmanship and governance effectiveness without good cause as determined by the State Board by duly promulgated legislative rules constitutes neglect of duty under WVC §6-6-7.
(WVC §18-5-1a)

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