

# Lawrence County Board of Education

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1 The Lawrence County Board of Education shall participate in activities designed to assist board members  
2 in improving their skills as members of a policy-making body.

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4 In order to control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board  
5 establishes these principles and procedures for its guidance:

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7 1. A calendar of school board conferences, conventions and workshops shall be maintained by the  
8 board secretary and provided to each board member. The Board will identify which meetings  
9 should be attended and the benefits which would be derived from participation in such meet-  
10 ings;
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12 2. Funds for participation at such meetings shall be budgeted on an annual basis. The Board as a  
13 whole shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in planned  
14 activities;
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16 3. Reimbursement to board members for their travel expenses shall be in accord with the travel  
17 expense policy for staff members;<sup>1</sup>
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19 4. When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those participating  
20 will be requested to share information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting;  
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23 5. The public shall be kept informed through the news media about the Board's continuing in-service  
24 education and about the programs anticipated for short- and long-range benefits to the schools.

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

- 28 1. Participation in school board conferences, workshops and conventions;
- 29 2. Local and district-sponsored training sessions for board members; and
- 30 3. Subscriptions to publications addressing the concerns of board members.

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35 Legal Reference:

- 36 I. TCA 49-2-2001(c)

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42 Cross References:

- Board Self-Evaluation 1.103  
Memberships 1.104  
School Board Legislative Involvement 1.105  
School District Goals 1.700  
School Calendar 1.800  
Expenses and Reimbursements 2.804