

YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS' GO-TO-RESOURCE

**NYSSBA ACCELERATE™ PROGRAM
IS THE ESSENTIAL RESOURCE FOR
YOUR NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.**

Designed to help new members acclimate to school district governance, the NYSSBA Accelerate™ program covers key roles, responsibilities, and best practices. Monthly learning modules align with real-time responsibilities, accelerating readiness and effectiveness of your newly elected board members.

By following this program, board members will gain a strong understanding of governance, decision-making, budgets, and policies—leading to informed decisions that support student success.

A well-prepared new board member will also foster professionalism, accountability, and public confidence in district leadership.

While they are not required to follow the program in order, the suggested timeline aligns with their first year of service for a structured and effective onboarding experience.

Encourage your new board members to participate in this complimentary program.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Member Relations Team.

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING YOU BECOME
A SUCCESSFUL BOARD MEMBER!**

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**WHAT YOUR NEW SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW TO BECOME
EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.**

LEARNING MODULES BY MONTH

JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
 Welcome to NYSSBA	 Email Usage	 Advocacy Orientation	 NYSSBA Business Meeting	 School Budget		 Resolution Submissions	 Capital Conference	 Resolutions Survey	 Superintendent Evaluation	 Board Self-Evaluation	 First-Year Program Survey
 New Member Essentials	 Social Media	 Executive Session		 Board Policy Review			 State Budget Review		 Effective Meetings	 Onboarding New Members	
 Committees		 Public Comment									

**ACCESSING NYSSBA ACCELERATETM
PROGRAM IS EASY AS 1, 2, 3.**

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New members will:

- Log on to the member portal on the NYSSBA website using their credentials sent via email.
- Click on the NYSSBA AccelerateTM button.
- Begin their journey by accessing NYSSBA's resources in each module to help them through their first year of board service.

By completing each module, your new member will earn Board Excellence Recognition Program points.
Learn more about the recognition program by visiting nyssba.org/recognitionprogram.