



# Tri-Valley School District 49-6



## Policy BHA: School Board New Member Orientation

Board membership calls for knowledge and understanding of many areas involving much information. New members need and should seek help; experienced members and the school district staff should offer it. Orientation is required if the new member is to serve effectively.

Under the guidance of experienced Board members and the superintendent, orientation may be provided to new Board members through activities such as:

1. Inviting the member-elect to all Board meetings held during the time between election and becoming a legal member of the Board.
2. Discussing and visiting with the superintendent and other staff members of the school district.
3. Providing the member-elect with copies of annual reports of advisory groups. The new member also should be provided with existing Board policies and administrative directives.
4. Workshops for new Board members conducted by the state and area school board associations.
5. Arranging for tours of local schools.

Orientation should be considered as an ongoing process for all Board members and may include such activities as those indicated above and the addition of such items as:

1. Attending school board and administrative conferences and conventions on a local, area, state and national basis.
2. Exchanging of ideas with neighboring school boards.

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