

GSBA FY2023 BOARD RECOGNITION CRITERIA

Applications Open: Friday, March 31 – Friday, July 28, 2023, 5:00pm

CRITERIA	QUALITY BOARD Level I July 1 through June 30	DISTINGUISHED BOARD Level II July 1 through June 30	EXEMPLARY BOARD Level III July 1 through June 30
STRATEGIC PLANNING	<p>A System Strategic Plan has been adopted and is being implemented.</p> <p>Provide a copy of your school system’s Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>A System Strategic Plan has been adopted, is currently being implemented, and includes a balanced scorecard or accountability system your school district utilizes.</p> <p>Provide a copy of both your school system’s strategic plan and your balanced scorecard or accountability system.</p>	<p>A System Strategic Plan has been adopted, is currently being implemented, and includes a balanced scorecard or the accountability system your school district utilizes.</p> <p>Provide a copy of both your school system’s strategic plan and your balanced scorecard or accountability system.</p> <p>Provide a board meeting agenda that shows the governance team is monitoring the plan and its outcomes at least annually.</p> <p>Provide the link to your website where your strategic plan is available for public viewing.</p>
GEORGIA VISION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION	<p>The board has approved the Vision Resolution and incorporated at least five of the Georgia Vision school district recommendations into the system’s Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Utilizing the template within the application, provide a list of the 5 Vision recommendations your board has incorporated into your Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>The board has approved the Vision Resolution and incorporated at least ten of the Georgia Vision school district recommendations into the system’s Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Utilizing the template within the application, provide a list of the 10 Vision recommendations that were incorporated into your system’s Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>The board has approved the Vision Resolution and incorporated at least fifteen of the Georgia Vision school district recommendations into the system’s Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Utilizing the template within the application, provide a list of the 15 Vision recommendations that were incorporated into your system’s Strategic Plan.</p>

<p>GOVERNANCE TEAM ASSESSMENT</p>	<p>The Governance Team conducts a self-assessment and develops recommendations for improvement in Board Governance. <i>(GSBA Governance Team Self-Assessment instrument or equivalent instrument may be used.)</i></p> <p>Provide the completed Governance Team Self-Assessment with ratings.</p>	<p>The Governance Team conducts a self-assessment using a self-assessment instrument, and then a Distinguished Committee (DC) conducts an assessment. The board will review the DC recommendations for further consideration. <i>(GSBA Governance Team Self-Assessment instrument or equivalent instrument may be used.)</i></p> <p>The Distinguished Committee consists of, as a minimum, two community stakeholders, two board members, and a central office administrator.</p> <p>Provide BOTH the completed Governance Team Self-Assessment AND the Distinguished Committee’s Assessment with ratings.</p>	<p>The Governance Team conducts a self-assessment using a self-assessment instrument, and then an Exemplary Committee (EC) conducts an assessment. The board will review the EC recommendations for further consideration. <i>(GSBA Governance Team Self-Assessment instrument or equivalent instrument may be used.)</i></p> <p>The Exemplary Committee consists of, as a minimum, two community stakeholders, two board members, and a central office administrator.</p> <p>Provide BOTH the completed Governance Team Self-Assessment AND the Exemplary Committee’s Assessment with ratings.</p>
<p>SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION GA Code § 20-2-210</p>	<p>The annual Superintendent Evaluation Instrument, as a minimum, incorporates some of the Strategic Plan District Goals. <i>(GSBA Superintendent Evaluation Instrument or equivalent instrument can be used.)</i></p> <p>Provide the date the Superintendent Evaluation was completed.</p> <p>Provide the latest Superintendent Evaluation Instrument including Superintendent’s goals, evidence, and/or data. <i>We do not need the completed evaluation with the rating, just the instrument utilized.</i></p>	<p>The annual Superintendent Evaluation Instrument, as a minimum, incorporates some of the Strategic Plan District Goals. <i>(GSBA Superintendent Evaluation Instrument or equivalent instrument can be used.)</i></p> <p>Provide the date the Superintendent Evaluation was completed.</p> <p>Provide the latest Superintendent Evaluation Instrument including Superintendent’s goals, evidence, and/or data. <i>We do not need the completed evaluation with the rating, just the instrument utilized.</i></p>	<p>The annual Superintendent Evaluation instrument, as a minimum, incorporates some of the Strategic Plan District Goals. <i>(GSBA Superintendent evaluation instrument or equivalent instrument can be used.)</i></p> <p>Provide the date the Superintendent Evaluation was completed.</p> <p>Provide the latest Superintendent Evaluation Instrument including Superintendent’s goals, evidence, and/or data. <i>We do not need the completed evaluation with the rating, just the instrument utilized.</i></p>

<p>LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION TRAINING REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>The local board of education has met the State Board of Education annual training requirements <i>(15 credit hours for new board members and 9 credits for veteran board members)</i>.</p> <p>If GSBA provided any of your board’s training, please indicate which board members, the training type, and the dates.</p> <p>If GSBA did not provide your training, please send us the records from the training provider.</p> <p><i>List all training received in the template provided in the application.</i></p>	<p>All board members have met the State Board of Education annual training requirements, and the MAJORITY of board members have exceeded the annual training requirements by a <u>minimum of three additional credit hours</u>. <i>(18 credit hours for new board members and 12 credit hours for veteran members.)</i></p> <p>Additional credit hours will be considered from state-approved training providers. Documentation of completed courses is mandatory.</p> <p><i>List all training received in the template provided in the application.</i></p>	<p>All board members have met the State Board of Education annual training requirements, and ALL board members have exceeded the annual training requirements by a <u>minimum of three additional credit hours</u>. <i>(18 credit hours for new board members and 12 credit hours for veteran members.)</i></p> <p>The Governance Team has established, formally adopted, and abides by written Governance Team Board Norms and Protocols.</p> <p>Additional credit hours will be considered from state-approved training providers. Documentation of completed courses is mandatory.</p> <p>NOTE: An exception may be made for new board members sworn in in January 2023. They may qualify if they receive their 15 hours of State Board of Education required training.</p> <p><i>List all training received in the template provided in the application.</i></p>
<p>ACCREDITATION</p>	<p>The local board of education and the school district complies with the standards of all selected accreditation associations applicable.</p> <p>Provide your district’s latest accreditation status from Cognia.</p>	<p>The local board of education and school district complies with the standards of all selected accreditation associations applicable.</p> <p>Provide your district’s latest accreditation status report from Cognia.</p>	<p>The local board of education and school district complies with the standards of all selected accreditation associations applicable.</p> <p>Provide your district’s latest accreditation status report from Cognia.</p>

<p>BOARD MEMBER ETHICS</p>	<p>All board members will abide by their local Code of Ethics Policy.</p> <p>Review the Code of Ethics Policy annually at a board of education meeting.</p> <p>Address any infractions by members as per board policy.</p> <p>Provide the latest DOE Local School Board Governance Training Report that includes training received and their signatures agreeing to the Code of Ethics. <i>(Sample provided within the application)</i></p> <p>Provide Local Code of Ethics Board Policy.</p>	<p>All board members will abide by their local Code of Ethics Policy.</p> <p>Review the Code of Ethics Policy annually at a board of education meeting.</p> <p>Address any infractions by members as per board policy.</p> <p>Provide the latest DOE Local School Board Governance Training Report that includes training received and their signatures agreeing to the Code of Ethics. <i>(Sample provided within the application)</i></p> <p>Provide Local Code of Ethics Board Policy.</p>	<p>All board members will abide by their local Code of Ethics Policy.</p> <p>Review the Code of Ethics Policy annually at a board of education meeting.</p> <p>Address any infractions by members as per board policy.</p> <p>Provide the latest DOE Local School Board Governance Training Report that includes training received and their signatures agreeing to the Code of Ethics. <i>(Sample provided within the application)</i></p> <p>Provide Local Code of Ethics Board Policy.</p>
<p>FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY</p>	<p>Annually adopt a balanced budget.</p> <p>Regular review/updates of district finances by the governance leadership team in public meetings.</p> <p>Develop an annual budget calendar that includes public meetings and public input.</p> <p>Provide the date BOE adopted their latest balanced budget.</p> <p>Utilizing the template in the application, provide your district's annual budget calendar.</p>	<p>Annually adopt a balanced budget.</p> <p>Regular review/updates of district finances by the governance leadership team in public meetings.</p> <p>Develop an annual budget calendar that includes public meetings and public input.</p> <p>Align the budget to the school district's strategic plan.</p> <p>Provide the date BOE adopted their latest balanced budget.</p> <p>Provide 1 regularly scheduled meeting agenda that reflects action items related to the budget and its alignment with the strategic plan.</p> <p>Utilizing the template in the application, provide your district's annual budget calendar.</p>	<p>Annually adopt a balanced budget.</p> <p>Regular review/updates of district finances by the governance leadership team in public meetings.</p> <p>Develop an annual budget calendar that includes public meetings and public input.</p> <p>Align the budget to the school district's strategic plan.</p> <p>Provide the date BOE adopted their latest balanced budget.</p> <p>Provide 1 regularly scheduled meeting agenda that reflects action items related to the budget and its alignment with the strategic plan.</p> <p>Utilizing the template in the application, provide your district's annual budget calendar.</p>

<p>RECOGNITION CONSIDERATION AND/OR REMOVAL</p>	<p>The governance team is not eligible for board recognition if a district is under Cognia special review citing potential irregularities.</p> <p>Can be removed for good cause as determined by GSBA.</p>	<p>The governance team is not eligible for board recognition if a district is under Cognia special review citing potential irregularities.</p> <p>Can be removed for good cause as determined by GSBA.</p>	<p>The governance team is not eligible for board recognition if a district is under Cognia special review citing potential irregularities.</p> <p>Can be removed for good cause as determined by GSBA.</p>
<p>RENEWAL CYCLE</p>	<p>Annual: July 1 – June 30</p>	<p>Annual: July 1 – June 30</p>	<p>Annual: July 1 – June 30</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- **The application process will be open from [Friday, March 31 through Friday, July 28, 2023, at 5:00 pm.](#)**
- **Boards must meet all training requirements by 5 p.m. on June 30, 2023.**
- Governance Team = Superintendent plus the Local Board of Education
- Boards may now apply for the level at which they meet the criteria. To remain at the current level, boards must renew/reapply each year.
- Please make sure **ALL** documentation is accurate and submitted by the deadline.
- These awards will be presented during the December GSBA/GSSA Annual Conference.
- For more information, contact the GSBA Board Development Department at 770-962-2985.