

# NASBE

National Association of  
State Boards of Education

## Benefits of NASBE Membership

The National Association of State Boards of Education is the only national organization giving voice and adding value to the nation's state boards of education. State boards of education represent the citizens' voice in education. A membership offers many benefits.

**Professional Development.** Throughout the year, members may take advantage of:

- Webinars on topics of high interest to state board of education members
- Special interest meetings and convenings, which bring together state board members and national policy experts to examine key policy issues affecting state boards of education

**Discounted Registration.** NASBE hosts a number of larger meetings each year. They offer members the opportunity to hear from national experts and to network with other board members from across the country. Membership includes:

- Two free registrations to the New Member Institute including travel and lodging
- Discounted registration for NASBE's Annual Conference
- Discounted registration for NASBE's Legislative and Policy Forum

**Customized Membership Services.** At a state board's request, NASBE will conduct a needs assessment, an environmental scan, a policy audit, and a goal-setting process, resulting in the development of a portfolio of services tailored to each state board's needs.

**State Board Development and Capacity Building Assistance.** NASBE offers member boards free technical assistance in the following areas:

- State board strategic planning
- Boardsmanship
- Board self-evaluation
- State chief evaluation processes
- Leading systematic equity transformation
- Creating strong working relationships with the governor and the state legislature
- Dealing with the media in the era of social media
- Conflict of interest for state board of education members
- How state boards can promote stability in education governance
- Agenda development and board committees

**NASBE Publications.** Members turn to NASBE for accurate and research-based information about the latest issues in education. Regular publications:

- *State Education Standard.* Our journal, written by subject-matter experts, provides cover-to-cover insight into select education policy issues of the day.

- *Education Leaders Reports* cover hot topics as well as over-the-horizon thinking on education. They provide a deep dive into the background on policy issues, relevant research, and practical steps that the research findings imply for state policymaking.
- *State Innovations* provide concise examples of the policymaking experiences of particular state boards of education. These reports serve as a source of new ideas for other states' policymaking, contacts to enable cross-state networking on key issues, and benchmarking.
- *Policy Updates* are two-page briefs on changes in federal education policy, state policy impacts, and trends in education.
- *Power of the Question*. Questions are a powerful policy lever. These brief publications help boards know what to ask.
- *State Board Insight*. Data and analysis drawn directly from state boards' monthly meeting agendas and minutes.
- *Boardsmanship Reviews* offer practical ideas on how to become a better member of a state board of education.

**State Stipends.** On a number of projects, NASBE offers member states the opportunity to seek stipends that will further their work. Stipends may be used to cover in-state meetings, technical assistance, and board professional development.

**National Voice.** As the national voice of state board of education members in the United States and US territories, NASBE represents its membership on federal education matters before the administration, Congress, and the U.S. Department of Education. Member states are entitled to name one individual to serve on the Government Affairs Committee, which coordinates this work.

**Executive Searches.** NASBE will assist state boards of education that are seeking a new chief state school officer. Member states receive a substantial discount.

**Affiliated Organizations.** NASBE recognizes two affiliate organizations whose members do not vote for NASBE officers but are otherwise entitled to the full membership benefits.

- The National Council of State Boards of Education Executives (NCSBEE) is the national organization serving individuals who provide administrative and other support to state boards of education.
- The National Council of State Education Attorneys (NCOSEA) is composed of attorneys who represent and advise state boards of education.

**National Leadership Opportunities.** State boards are encouraged to nominate their members to serve on NASBE committees and the national Board of Directors. These include:

- Government Affairs Committee – which helps guide NASBE's response to federal education policy
- Public Education Positions Committee – which takes a long-term look at policy issues state boards should address
- NASBE committees – members help shape NASBE's activities in areas ranging from association finance to awards
- NASBE webinars and programs – NASBE members are frequently tapped to share their expertise on webinars or as members of panels at NASBE meetings

- NASBE Awards – member states have the opportunity to nominate deserving leaders from their state to receive national recognition as part of the NASBE Annual Awards presented at annual conference.

### **OUR MISSION**

The National Association of State Boards of Education exists to strengthen state boards as the preeminent educational policymaking bodies for students and citizens in their pursuit of high levels of academic achievement for all students. NASBE is the only national organization giving voice and adding value to the nation’s state boards of education. A

nonprofit organization founded in 1958, NASBE works to

- strengthen state leadership in educational policymaking,
- promote excellence in the education of all students,
- advocate equality of access to educational opportunity, and
- ensure continued citizen support for public education.

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