The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) is your guide as you begin your first year of board service.

OSBA provides comprehensive training, support, resources and inspiration to school boards to maximize their effectiveness in carrying out their leadership roles.

To help you start off on the right path, OSBA created the New Board Member Passport.

This tour of workshops exposes you to topics that are important to new board members in their first year.

We’ve also included stops at events in your region of the state to help you network with and learn from colleagues in other school districts.

Review the passport stops on the back of this sheet and prepare for your journey into the world of boardmanship. Bon voyage!

It’s easy to lose your way, but you don’t have to go it alone.

Through your district’s membership in OSBA, you have access to numerous resources to help you learn the basics of boardmanship. Let OSBA be your guide to start off on the right path. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-members to access information to help you begin your journey.

Start on the path to successful boardmanship today!
OSBA provides comprehensive training and support for new board members. The following workshops will help you navigate your first year of boardmanship. Discover more information on each workshop at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops.

**STOP 1**

**Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office**

This training will help you start off on the right foot. These two-day workshops are offered over two weekends in four locations:

- **Jan. 11-12** at the Cleveland Marriott East, Warrensville Heights or Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
- **Jan. 25-26** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg or Marriott Columbus Northwest, Dublin

**STOP 2**

**School Finance 101: What school board members should know**

School finance is a complicated subject. As board members, it is important to know the basics. Learn from the experts about state and local funding, levies and five-year forecasts. Become your district’s expert and find out how to access data and what questions to ask.

- **Feb. 28** at the OSBA office in Columbus

**STOP 3**

**Regional conferences**

To enhance and customize member services, OSBA is divided into five regions: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest. The regions host spring and fall conferences, where attendees gather for dinner, fellowship, learning, networking and recognition, and to share in the successes of Ohio public education. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions to learn more about your region and find the dates and locations of these events.

**STOP 4**

**State Legislative Conference**

This conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers a great opportunity to meet state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. You’ll hear briefings on proposed legislation and legislative leaders will share their views on public education and other priorities. As a board member, this is your opportunity to reinforce the importance of a strong public school system.

- **March 18** at Sheraton Columbus Capital Square

**STOP 5**

**Board Leadership Institute**

Boost your leadership skills at the OSBA Board Leadership Institute. This two-day conference is created for board members by board members and is a must-attend workshop for any new board member. This unique institute is designed to further your professional development by focusing on timely topics and allowing opportunities for you to speak with the experts.

- **May 1-2** at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris

**STOP 6**

**2020 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show**

Ohio’s premier education conference delivers practical solutions to help your district’s governance team improve student learning and achievement. With more than 170 learning sessions covering school district administration, boardmanship, finance and student issues as well as keynote speakers, in-depth spotlight sessions, a Student Achievement Fair and one of the nation’s largest education trade shows, there’s something for everyone.

- **Nov. 8-10** at the Greater Columbus Convention Center

Register for these workshops at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops