

## GSBA FY2023 BOARD RECOGNITION CRITERIA

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

| CRITERIA                                   | QUALITY BOARD<br>Level I<br>July 1 through June 30  | DISTINGUISHED BOARD<br>Level II<br>July 1 through June 30   | EXEMPLARY BOARD<br>Level III<br>July 1 through June 30  |
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| <b>STRATEGIC PLANNING</b>                  | <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> |
| <b>GEORGIA VISION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION</b> | <p>The board has approved the Vision Resolution and incorporated at least <b>five</b> 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 <b>5</b> Vision recommendations your board has incorporated into your Strategic Plan.</p> | <p>The board has approved the Vision Resolution and incorporated at least <b>ten</b> 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 <b>10</b> Vision recommendations that were incorporated into your system’s Strategic Plan.</p> | <p>The board has approved the Vision Resolution and incorporated at least <b>fifteen</b> 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 <b>15</b> Vision recommendations that were incorporated into your system’s Strategic Plan.</p>   |

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| <p><b>GOVERNANCE TEAM ASSESSMENT</b></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 <b>Distinguished Committee (DC)</b> 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 <b>Distinguished Committee</b> consists of, as a minimum, two community stakeholders, two board members, and a central office administrator.</p> <p>Provide <b>BOTH</b> 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 <b>Exemplary Committee (EC)</b> 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 <b>Exemplary Committee</b> consists of, as a minimum, two community stakeholders, two board members, and a central office administrator.</p> <p>Provide <b>BOTH</b> the completed Governance Team Self-Assessment AND the Exemplary Committee’s Assessment with ratings.</p> |
| <p><b>SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION GA Code § 20-2-210</b></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. <b>We do not need the completed evaluation with the rating, just the instrument utilized.</b></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. <b>We do not need the completed evaluation with the rating, just the instrument utilized.</b></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. <b>We do not need the completed evaluation with the rating, just the instrument utilized.</b></p>  |

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| <p><b>LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION TRAINING REQUIREMENTS</b></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><b>All</b> board members have met the State Board of Education annual training requirements, and the <b>MAJORITY of board members have exceeded</b> the annual training requirements by a <u>minimum of three additional credit hours</u>.<br/><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><b>All</b> board members have met the State Board of Education annual training requirements, and <b>ALL board members have exceeded</b> the annual training requirements by a <u>minimum of three additional credit hours</u>.<br/><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 <b>Board Norms and Protocols</b>.</p> <p>Additional credit hours will be considered from state-approved training providers. Documentation of completed courses is mandatory.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> 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><b>ACCREDITATION</b></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>  |

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| <p><b>BOARD MEMBER ETHICS</b></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><b>FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY</b></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><b>Provide 1 regularly scheduled meeting agenda that reflects action items related to the budget and its alignment with the strategic plan.</b></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><b>Provide 1 regularly scheduled meeting agenda that reflects action items related to the budget and its alignment with the strategic plan.</b></p> <p>Utilizing the template in the application, provide your district's annual budget calendar.</p> |

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| <p><b>RECOGNITION<br/>CONSIDERATION<br/>AND/OR REMOVAL</b></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><b>RENEWAL CYCLE</b></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.