

Make the Most of the IASB Website

The IASB website is the go-to resource for board/superintendent teams to access resources, tools and tips to excel in their governance and leadership roles. In order to make the most of the IASB website, we encourage you to follow these three simple steps:

Step 1: Ensure You Are Set Up to Access Members-Only Content

The first step to exploring the website is to ensure you are set up to access members-only content. While some content on the site is available to the public, much is designed just for our members.

Login Instructions

1. Go to www.ia-sb.org. Click on MY IASB LOGIN, at the top or bottom of the website. This will take you to a member login page.
2. Enter your USERNAME. This is your email address on file with IASB. If we don't have your email address, just let us know. Then enter your PASSWORD and hit SIGN IN.
3. For first-time users, click on Forgot My Password. A link to reset your password will be emailed to you and you may set your own password.

Questions? Contact us at IASB@ia-sb.org or (515) 288-1991.

Step 2: Get Familiar with the Three Major Content Areas

The bulk of our content resides in these areas, and shows that IASB is the source for governance and management tools, advocacy and learning.



TOOLBOX

Find member resources on effective governance and management in the Toolbox—arranged by the major program areas managed by IASB staff experts.



ADVOCACY

IASB is here to help you be a strong and effective voice for public education with our grassroots network, advocacy toolkits, and engagement in national issues.



EDUCATION

School Board U is IASB's complete curriculum of learning experiences to support board/superintendent teams in governance and leadership.

Visionary Team: Find tools to help the board/superintendent team clarify roles and responsibilities, develop a shared vision and goals, and maximize every board meeting with your district's mission.

Financial Tools: Get a clear picture of your district's financial health with IASB's Financial Focus Tools. Find district-specific data on key financial indicators, compare your district to other districts and trends, access budget planning resources, and better understand Iowa's school funding formula.

Policy & Legal Corner: Stay current with emerging laws and issues and get your most frequently confronted policy and legal questions answered quickly.

HR Central: School employees are an essential asset to any district. These tools help board members understand their role and provide school administrators with resources on management issues.

Step 3: Access Members Only Resources

The IASB website has a host of resources designed to help board/superintendent teams with governance and leadership responsibilities. Once you're set up with a member login and have explored the three major content areas, we encourage you to access the members only resources. Examples of these resources include:



Boardsmanship eBooks

IASB offers digital versions of the Board Member Handbook, a reference tool for boards and administrators, and Leadership for Student Learning, which offers insights into the board's role in promoting student achievement. These can also be ordered as paperback versions, from an online book store. For more information, visit www.ia-sb.org/Toolbox.



Webinars and Online Courses

IASB presents live webinars and online courses on topics ranging from the Iowa Open Meetings law, to the school budget process, to effective governance. If you can't make a live webinar, we record and archive all live webinars and post them in the Digital Campus section of School Board U. We make it easy to participate in an IASB program from your own computer anytime, anywhere. To learn more, visit www.ia-sb.org/SchoolBoardU.



Financial Data Tools

Your district submits reams of financial data to state agencies. We take that data and turn it into knowledge by preparing reports that allow you to compare your district to other districts and trends over time. To find IASB data tools on key indicators of school finance, enrollment trends and more, visit www.ia-sb.org/FinancialTools.



Mandatory School Board Policies

Find a complete list of policies mandated by state and federal laws as a starting point to ensure your board's policy manual is up to date. Compare the list with the IASB Policy Reference Manual, an online subscription-based service that provides districts with on demand access to more than 430 sample policies, administrative regulations and exhibits. To learn more, visit www.ia-sb.org/Policy.

For help gaining access to the IASB website, contact us at IASB@ia-sb.org or (515) 288-1991. For more information on the online resources we offer, contact IASB Communications Director Tammy Votava (515) 247-7040 or tvotava@ia-sb.org.