



FOR YOUR *information*

A MONTHLY UPDATE ON
STATE BOARD PROCEEDINGS,
ASSOCIATION NEWS &
K-12 TOPICS

November 14, 2022



SBOE Approves CCR as Graduation Requirement

The State Board of Education voted 5-2 Thursday to approve a College Career Readiness indicator (CCR) as a new graduation requirement. Gov. Kay Ivey, who has strongly supported the measure, urged a yes vote to help the state close opportunity gaps for students.

“Parents want their children to graduate from high school with the skills needed to excel in college and career,” Ivey said.

In 2021, 92% of students graduated, but only 76% earned a CCR indicator, creating a 16-percent gap. The CCR rate has lagged the graduation rate since 2016, compelling state leaders to act.

Proponents of adding a CCR indicator as a graduation requirement believe closing the gap will signal to employers, higher education institutions and companies looking to locate in Alabama that students are academically ready for college and/or career.

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The new requirement will take effect with the class of 2028.

The SBOE work session following the meeting included presentations and discussion on first-grade readiness, Office of School Improvement supports, accountability reports, and the proposed new Career and Technical Education Course of Study.

[Read Full Story](#)



Registration, Hotel Room Block Now Open for COSSBA National Conference

Act now to reserve your spot for the inaugural COSSBA Annual Conference March 30 - April 2, 2023 in Tampa, Florida! This exciting three-day event will include ample learning opportunities, inspiring keynote speakers, and dedicated times for member networking.

Urban Boards Alliance Day: The event will open with an early bird session hosted by the Urban Boards Alliance March 30, where members from both rural and suburban school systems can engage in educational strategies and share best practices that address and improve the educational outcomes of students within challenging environments. This event features **Donna M. Beegle**, national poverty expert, and **Dr. Steve Gallon III**, Vice Chair of Miami-Dade County School Board, as keynote speakers. **Early Registration Discount: \$199 | After Jan. 28, 2023: \$249**

Conference: Professional Development for School Board Members & District Leaders: The main conference takes place March 31 - April 2 and features a packed agenda of breakout sessions and informative general sessions. Keynote speakers include **John Quiñones**, ABC news veteran and host/creator of hit show, "What Would You Do?", **Amy Blankson**, co-founder of GoodThink, Presidential Point of Light and award-winning author, and **Chuck Underwood**, host of PBS TV miniseries, "America's Generations." **Early Registration Discount: \$549 | After Jan. 28, 2023: \$599**

[Register Now](#)



Join AASB's Annual Convention Toy Drive

AASB will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys for our second annual Convention Toy Drive! Donations will benefit Alabama children and families in need. Each district has been assigned a specific age range to supply donations for.

- **Districts 1-3:** Please bring new, unwrapped toys for ages 0-3
- **Districts 4-6:** Please bring new, unwrapped toys for ages 4-6.
- **Districts 7-9:** Please bring new, unwrapped toys for ages 7-10.

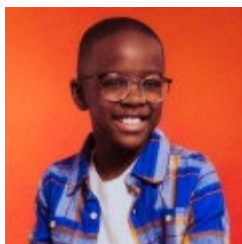
Please bring your donations with you to Convention (or take advantage of the Convention location inside the Riverchase Galleria and do your shopping while there)! Together, we can make the holiday season brighter for Alabama children. Donations will go to the City of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) Holiday Toy Giveaway campaign.

Limited Space Available for Convention, Register Now!

Space is limited, but there's still time to register for the annual AASB Convention & Delegate Assembly, which will be held Dec. 1-3 at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham - The Wynfrey Hotel. Featured speakers:



New York Times bestselling author, educator and business leadership adviser, **Stedman Graham**, will motivate attendees to hone in on their unique strengths and skills in his session, "Identity Leadership."



2021 Time Kid of the Year, **Orion Jean**, will share an inspiring message about the life-changing power of kindness. Jean is the creator of Race to Kindness, an initiative aimed to inspire members of his community to pay it forward and practice acts of kindness.

[Register Now/Learn More](#)



Reserve Your Spot for New Board Member Orientation

AASB will hold New Board Member Orientation courses Friday, Jan. 6 and Saturday, Jan. 7 at the AASB office in Montgomery.

AASB's Orientation courses provide a wealth of information to help new school board members gain a sound understanding of the nuts and bolts of school board service and strengthen leadership and boardmanship skills. The state requires all local school board members to complete orientation at least once. By taking both parts of AASB's orientation, members not only meet this requirement, but also the state ethics training requirement.

In addition, orientation provides an excellent team-building experience for new school board members and superintendents who attend together. The courses also serve as an excellent refresher for veteran school board members.

AASB's two-part Orientation includes:

Roles & Responsibilities | Friday, Jan. 6 | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This course covers the nuts and bolts of education law, ethics, finance, effective board meetings and more. [REGISTER](#)

Effective Boards & Relationships | Saturday, Jan. 7 | 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This course focuses on how members of the board relate with one another and how the board establishes and maintains relationships with the board attorney, community, policymakers and others to improve student learning. [REGISTER](#)



Your Board Secretary Still Has a Chance to Win a \$50 Gift Card!

It pays to get your Whole Board Training finished early in the training year!

If your board schedules and completes its 2022-2023 two-hour Whole Board Training requirement in November or December, your board secretary will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$50 gift cards.

For more information about the drawing or to book your board's training, contact Executive Assistant for Leadership Development Stephanie Bell:

- **EMAIL:** training@AlabamaSchoolBoards.org
- **PHONE:** 800-562-0601

[View Whole Board Training Brochure](#)



Outgoing Board Members Casting Votes

Dear Jayne:

We have a county board member who did not run for reelection and will be leaving office soon. I know the new board member can't take office until the second Friday after the election (November 18) but when does the outgoing board member's term officially end? We have an important vote coming up and don't want to jeopardize it by letting the outgoing board member vote.

[View Answer](#)



Governor's App Challenge

Student entry forms are due Jan. 13, 2023, for the Alabama Governor's App Challenge. The statewide computer programming competition is open to students in grades K-12. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade band (Elementary: K-5; Middle School: 6-8; High School: 9-12).

[Learn More](#)

THANK ALABAMA TEACHERS MONTH

There's no wrong way to thank a teacher.

Celebrate Thank Alabama Teachers Month

They're more than just teachers. They're counselors, coaches, mentors, and friends. November has been designated as Thank Alabama Teachers Month, a time to offer teachers the gratitude they deserve. Give your own heartfelt thanks to the special teachers in your life or share some kind words on social media with #ThankALTeachers.

You also can nominate a favorite teacher on Instagram for a chance to win 2022 Iron Bowl tickets courtesy of Nick's Kids.

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