

Course topics that will be presented at each of our upcoming annual events

Winter Symposium 2024	
Dec. 6-7, 2024	
The Galt House Hotel (West Tower), Louisville	
The Board's Role in Student Achievement	<i>Courses that include information such as defining student achievement (local, state and federal requirements), setting expectations, planning for student achievement, board oversight and barriers to learning</i>
Student Assessment	<i>Courses that include information such as the board's role through policy, understanding and use of local, state and federal data, such as state-mandated "school report cards," Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS), No Child Left Behind (NCLB); and non-academic data indicators, including dropout, attendance and retention rates</i>
Student Learning and Support Services	<i>Courses that include information such as the awareness of student risk factors and best practices: strategies within the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA), after-school programming, Family Resource/Youth Services Centers; preschool education; technology; and the critical area of special education</i>
School Safety and Discipline	<i>Courses that include information such as the board's responsibility for the code of acceptable behavior and discipline, student discipline hearings, services for expelled students, and understanding and using safety-related data</i>
Student Health and Wellness	<i>Courses that include information such as the identification, mitigation and removal of barriers to learning; state and federal mandates related to student wellness; health and nutrition services; and health school environments</i>
Curriculum and Instruction	<i>Courses that include information such as the board's role in the following: developing goals and policies basic to teaching and learning, planning, and operating education programs and procuring and managing the material and personnel to implement the programs</i>
Annual Conference 2025	
Feb. 21-23, 2025	
The Galt House Hotel, Louisville	
School Board Meetings	<i>Courses that include information such as the types of board meetings, public meetings and closed sessions, planning and conducting the meeting, developing board agendas, voting, board minutes, public input and member attendance/absences</i>
Employee Relations / School Personnel	<i>Courses that include information such as nepotism issues, the employment process, establishment and abolishment of positions, setting job qualifications, job descriptions and accountability</i>

Superintendent Selection	<i>Courses that include information such as board responsibilities in the selection process, contracting issues, policies and timelines</i>
School Facilities	<i>Courses that include information such as the process and procedure for school construction, state approval, bidding and contracts, financing building programs, state programs and requirements, insurance and liability, bonding and board maintenance responsibilities</i>
Legal Issues	<i>Courses taught by KSBA's staff attorneys providing up-to-date information on new developments in law that impact education</i>
Liability Issues, Insurance and Risk Management	<i>Courses that include information such as types of risk exposures in education, board member responsibilities and liabilities, risk management policy making, inspections, limiting risk exposure and loss control</i>
Legislative Issues and Current Topics	<i>Courses that include information such as the legislative and budgetary processes, the committee structure, effective lobbying strategies, communication skills and how school board members can become involved in state legislative elections in their area</i>
Dealing with External Media (3 hours)	<i>Courses that include developing talking points, drawing the reporter's attention to the emphasis, getting coverage of positive items at board meetings, "off the record," getting errors corrected, and how to use social media to your advantage</i>

Sessions offered at KSBA conferences are subject to change. In the event of an unforeseen cancellation or change, KSBA will provide updated information to conference/event participants as soon as possible.