

AASB by District

District 1

Baldwin, Brewton, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, Thomasville, Washington and the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science

District 2

Autauga, Bibb, Butler, Chilton, Choctaw, Dallas, Demopolis, Linden, Lowndes, Marengo, Perry, Selma and Wilcox

District 3

Andalusia, Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Daleville, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Geneva County, Geneva City, Henry, Houston, Opp, Ozark, Pike and Troy

District 4

Alexander City, Auburn, Bullock, Chambers, Clay, Coosa, Department of Youth Services, Elmore, Lanett, Lee, Macon, Montgomery, Opelika, Phenix City, Randolph, Roanoke, Russell, Tallapoosa and Tallassee

District 5

Bessemer, Birmingham, Fairfield, Homewood, Hoover, Irondale, Jefferson, Leeds, Midfield, Mountain Brook, Shelby, Tarrant, Trussville, Vestavia Hills and the Alabama School of Fine Arts

District 6

Alabama Institute For Deaf and Blind, Anniston, Attalla, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah, Fort Payne, Gadsden, Jacksonville, Oxford, Pell City, Piedmont, St. Clair, Sylacauga, Talladega County and Talladega City

District 7

Fayette, Greene, Hale, Jasper, Lamar, Marion, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa County, Tuscaloosa City, Walker and Winfield

District 8

Athens, Colbert, Cullman County, Cullman City, Decatur, Florence, Franklin, Haleyville, Hartselle, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Morgan, Muscle Shoals, Russellville, Sheffield, Tuscumbia and Winston

District 9

Albertville, Arab, Blount, Boaz, Guntersville, Huntsville, Jackson, Madison City, Madison County, Marshall, Oneonta and Scottsboro



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So, You Want to be a District Director?

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*Expectations
you should know
about first*

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School board members know leadership is not easy work. The same holds true for actively representing one of the Alabama Association of School Boards' nine geographical districts. District Directors must be self-starters willing to invest time and energy in serving with AASB's elected officers and an Alabama Board of Education liaison on the Executive Board. That board is responsible for implementing the purposes of the association.

There is much work to do, should you be elected. Provided here is a list of 10 expectations for District Directors. Of course, district leaders are not limited to this list, but we hope it gives you an idea of what you can expect.

1.

Be Visible & Supportive.

Telephone each school board president in your district following your election. If possible, attend at least one board meeting of each board in your district. Ask the president in advance if you could give greetings on behalf of your AASB district and AASB. At conferences and conventions, directors will be introduced.

2. Mentor New Members.

Remember how awkward you felt as a novice school board member? Take new school board members within your district under your wing or pair them with senior board members who can offer advice and wisdom. Start by making contact with them and new superintendents. Call or write welcome letters to new school board members and superintendents in your district. Don't forget the special occasion notes and thank you cards.

3.

AASB Service.

Be a voice for your district. Serve on AASB committees or the Leader to Leader governmental relations team. Moderate clinics. Ask how you can help.

4. Monitor AASB Publications.

Stay abreast of issues in *Leg-Alert*, AASB's legislative newsletter; its legal report, *Court Report; For Your Information*, which recounts state Board of Education news; and *Alabama School Boards* magazine. Watch for major news and announcements that may affect your district and share those with the district membership.

5. Be a District News Watcher.

Funnel story ideas and topics from your district to AASB. Keep an ear to the ground and alert AASB of issues and trends that may impact Alabama schools and school boards. Collect the good news about board member and school system accomplishments from your district for use in AASB publications. Read the latest in education leadership literature and write a review for *ASB* magazine if you'd like.

6. Meet Your State Board of Education Representative.

Ask AASB which state Board of Education member represents all or much of your district and make an effort to meet him or her. Personally invite the state board member to your district meetings and events.

7. Contact Civic Leaders.

Find out who the key civic leaders are in your district and introduce yourself. When leaders in city and county government, communities, chambers of commerce and other areas of leadership prepare to make decisions impacting your AASB district, you want to have a seat at the table.

8.

Speak out.

AASB may need for you to express the association's key concerns to news organizations and legislators through letter writing campaigns or by creating a phone tree. Sample letters and scripts would be available for your use.

9. Personalize Meeting Scripts.

As a service, AASB provides district directors with outlines to help them moderate district meetings. District directors may personalize these scripts and make them their own.

10.

Be a Resource.

You truly are a voice for Alabama's K-12 public school students. As an advocate for schoolchildren, you can be a trusted source for lawmakers and the community.

Good Luck!