



Form to Begin the *Board of Distinction* Process

The Georgia School Boards Association *Board of Distinction* designation will be given to GSBA *Standards* boards that have distinguished themselves in additional key areas of organizational structure. Boards must re-certify that they remain in compliance with all criteria every two years. This is a self-nominating process.

Please complete this form and include signatures of your Board Chair and Superintendent. The document will not be accepted without these signatures.

Return the completed form to:

Georgia School Boards Association
5120 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30043
(770) 962-1546 - FAX

We, the _____ Board of Education do hereby accept and acknowledge that we are working towards designation as a *GSBA Board of Distinction* as outlined in the criteria.

It is our desire to operate according to the guidelines established for the *Board of Distinction* designation and we intend to make a good faith effort to strive for total compliance.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 200__.

Chair

Superintendent

Nominations must follow the official format.

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For Questions Contact: Jeanette Shelnett, GSBA Administrative Assistant, at (770) 962-6844, jshelnett@gsba.com

Board of Distinction Award **Nomination Format**

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- BOE and system are not on probation from SACS/CASI or any other accreditation organization.
- Must have met criteria of the GSBA Standards for Local Boards of Education.
- Implement GSBA Board/Leadership Team Self-Assessment Checklist.
- Formalize superintendent evaluation incorporating district goals.
- A copy of, or a web link to, the board's goal-setting model and listing of district's goals. Please submit your website address on your school system letterhead.
- A web link to posting of monthly board meeting agendas online. Please submit your website address on your school system letterhead.
- A web link to the local district's policy manual that is posted on the Internet. Please submit your policy manual website address on your school system letterhead.
- A stated plan to integrate technology at the school board governance level of the local district. This refers to school board members and how the board is integrating technology in their governance operations. A Sample document is attached. Please submit this plan on your school system letterhead.
- Signatures of nominators on the attached "Form to Begin Board of Distinction Process." (The local board of education must approve the nomination before submitting it to the awards committee.)
- Complete "Form to Verify Compliance with Board of Distinction." Please submit with supporting materials.
- Every two years the BOE completes and submits to GSBA the "Form to Recertify Compliance with Board of Distinction."

NOTE: For detailed information regarding the Standards process, evaluations and Board of Distinction, go to GSBA's website at www.gsba.com (look under Services dropdown menu).

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