

RI High School Graduation Requirements

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RIASC 2016 Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

RIASC Annual Meeting

Saturday
 May 7, 2016

Crowne Plaza
 Hotel
 Warwick, RI

On February 6, 2016, RIASC is hosting a session on the latest High School Graduation Requirements.

Mary Ann Snider of RIDE will be on hand to present the new requirements and answer your questions.

*In the spirit of adopting the values and tenets of this strategic plan, RIDE has begun to envision how our secondary school regulations and high school graduation requirements can be even more supportive of RI's vision for successful graduates of our schools.

RIDE is engaging the Rhode Island community in conversations regarding how we can best utilize the high school years to prepare all students for success in college and career. " *RI Department of Education*

The session is being held in Building 6 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

RIASC members will receive two hours of credit for attending.

Register at jspremulli@ri-asc.org

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

It's time to start accruing your six hours for 2016.

According to State law, Rhode Island school committee members must engage in six hours of professional development annually.

Did you know RIASC offered over 80 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2015 and overall members have accrued over 8,000 professional development hours.

RIASC'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

In 2004 The Rhode Island Association of School Committees created the Leadership Academy, a voluntary professional development program for school committee members. After completing 15 hours of RIASC professional development, graduates receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education at our Annual Meeting.

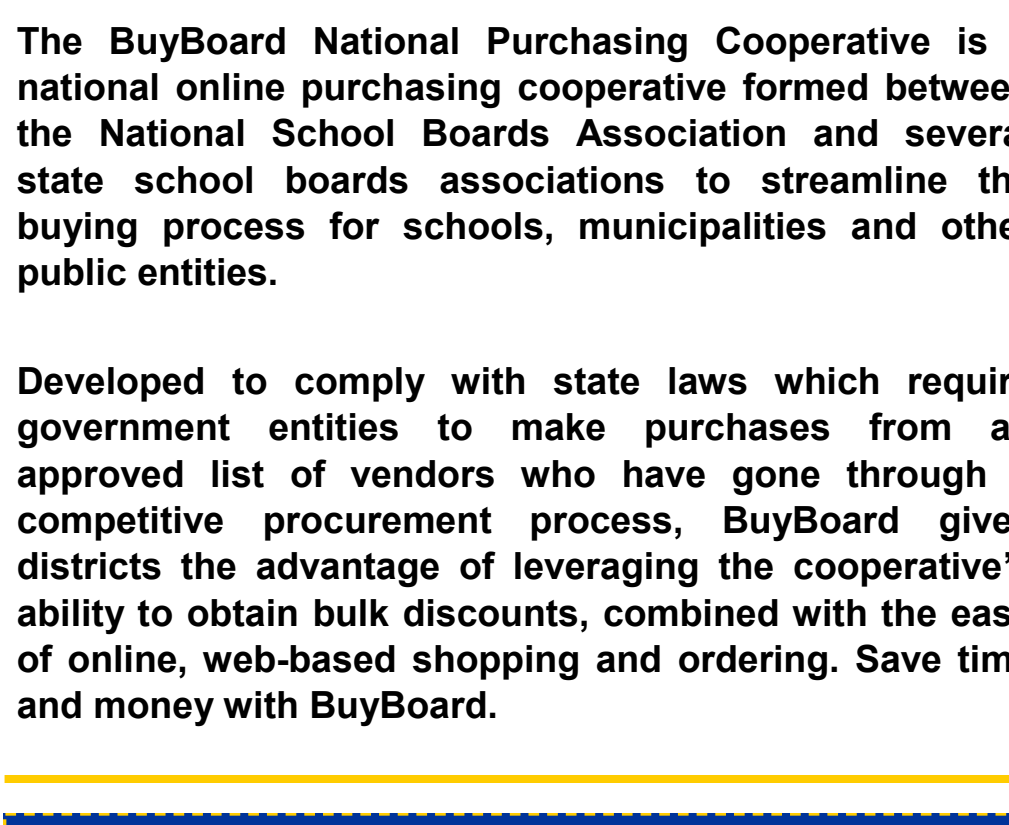
EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDIT

The RIASC Board met and approved a policy for its members allowing them to gain credit hours for attending external training sessions.

External training sessions are sessions that have relevance to your role as a school committee member but are not sponsored by RIASC. In order to qualify for external credit, a *Request for Approval* form must be completed at least two weeks prior to the training session.

The form can also be obtained by visiting our website at www.ri-asc.org and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

RIASC CHAIR MEETING



Commissioner Wagner and John Simmons, RIPEC, were the speakers at RIASC's chair meeting on January 14, 2016. Twenty-two districts were represented that night.

A link to John Simmons' presentation is located on our website professional development page.

RIASC holds ongoing chair meetings and Chairs are encouraged to attend or send a designee from their Committee if they cannot make it.

NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration is open for the 2016 National School Boards Association Conference being held in Boston, MA.

The Conference will run from April 9 to 11, 2016.

Below is the registration link:

<https://www.nsba.org/conference/registration/annual-conference-2016>

Special one day rate:

NC/TLN/CUBE: \$395, Regular: \$485
 One Day Registration is held on-site.

ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

RIASC is in the process of updating the Teacher Contract Database. Please forward me your electronic teacher contract as soon as it is available.

Remember, this site is a great resource for school committee members to view contract language to assist in teacher contract negotiations.

<http://www.ntlong.com/cber/>

BUYBOARD PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE



The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is a national online purchasing cooperative formed between the National School Boards Association and several state school boards associations to streamline the buying process for schools, municipalities and other public entities.

Developed to comply with state laws which require government entities to make purchases from an approved list of vendors who have gone through a competitive procurement process, BuyBoard gives districts the advantage of leveraging the cooperative's ability to obtain bulk discounts, combined with the ease of online, web-based shopping and ordering. Save time and money with BuyBoard.

NSBA's KEY WORK OF SCHOOL BOARDS SESSIONS



RIASC will be sponsoring sessions at

Bryant University's Hassenfeld Institute on

NSBA's Revised Key Work of School Boards

NSBA has identified the core skills that effective boards need to ensure that all students achieve at high levels. Together these skills form a framework for effective school governance. This is called the Key Work of School Boards.

"With these skills, boards can guide their vision to fruition by exploring, questioning, assessing, and working with others to improve outcomes for today's students as well as America's next generation."

NSBA has recently revised the Key Work of School Boards and curriculum has been designed by Bryant University for school committee members on each element of Key Work.

Our first session was held on October 3, 2015. Watch your email for further details regarding upcoming Keywork professional development sessions.

RIASC members who attend will be granted professional development hours toward RIASC's Leadership Academy.



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