



SCHOOL BOARD ACADEMY / COURSE OUTLINE

NIGHT ONE A FIRM FOUNDATION

SESSION 1: Worldview Training

An overview of six major worldviews with in-depth training on biblical worldview and its application to public service. Taught by **Dr. Jeff Myers**, president of Summit Ministries.

SESSION 2: Preparing for Success

A practical discussion with veteran school board members and allies on jurisdiction and responsibilities of school boards, applicable laws, best practices, outside support, and more.

SESSION 3: Parliamentary Procedure

A mini-course on Robert's Rules of Order and fundamentals of parliamentary procedure applied to school board meetings. Taught by **Dr. Bill Gillmeister**, president of Call to Order.

NIGHT TWO CURRICULUM MATTERS

On our second night of training, we'll explore the critical—and often controversial—curriculum decisions faced by school boards. Participants will learn from national leaders on the topics of sociopolitical education, age-appropriate standards, sex education, parental rights, and more. Model policies and strategies for success will be offered in each session.

SESSION 4: Sociopolitical Education & CRT

Taught by **Jonathan Butcher**, Will Skillman Fellow in Education, Center for Education Policy, The Heritage Foundation

SESSION 5: Age-Appropriate Standards in Curriculum & Library Materials

Taught by **Jeremy Samek**, Senior Counsel, Pennsylvania Family Institute

SESSION 6: Sex Education & Social Emotional Learning

Taught by **Lori Kuykendall**, President, Beacon Health Education Resources

SESSION 7: Curriculum Transparency & Parental Rights

Taught by **Matt Sharp**, Senior Counsel, State Government Relations National Director, Alliance Defending Freedom

NIGHT THREE ISSUE SPECIFIC

Night three of the School Board Academy will include a “deep dive” into the hot topics of sex and gender, religious liberty, and freedom of speech in public education. Legal experts will unpack each issue area and share model policies and resources for protecting children and affirming parental rights. We’ll close with a look ahead to future training, additional resources, and networking available through the School Board Exchange for graduates of the Academy.

SESSION 8: Sex & Gender Issues

Taught by **Autumn Leva**, Senior Vice President, Strategy, Family Policy Alliance

Tyson Langhofer, Senior Counsel, Director of Center for Academic Freedom, Alliance Defending Freedom

Libby Sobic, Director of Education Policy, Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty

SESSION 9: Religious Liberty & Freedom of Speech

Taught by **Keisha Toni Russell**, Counsel, First Liberty Institute

SESSION 10: School Board Exchange & Ongoing Support

Led by **Amanda Banks**, Vice President, Education, Family Policy Foundation