

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VISITS TO SCHOOLS

Each school board member appointed to office after July 1, 2002, shall spend one full day, each school year, without compensation, in one or more of the District's schools. (MS Code Section 37-7-306) Board members appointed to office before July 1, 2002, shall not be required to meet the requirement of this policy until such time as they are re-appointed.

The Board, in their discretion, may as a body periodically visit schools in the district for the purpose of determining necessary school improvements. (MS Code Section 37-7-301).

Definition

Full Day - One full day shall mean seven clock hours spent at one or more of the school district's campuses. Board members may also make multiple visits to schools in hour increments, totaling seven hours.

Procedures

Each Board of Trustee member for Jackson Public Schools may choose one of the following options to fulfill their legal requirement of spending one full day in the district's schools:

1. Spend one seven-hour day visiting anyone, or combination, of school(s) in the district;
2. Spend three and one-half hours on two separate days visiting any school or schools;
3. Spend seven hours visiting anyone, or combination, of schools over several days.

Additionally, the board members, in their discretion, may also conduct virtual visits with schools through means of teleconference, video, or a virtual platform to fulfill the legal requirement of spending a full day in the district's schools, with a priority toward visits within the board member's ward.

The superintendent or designee shall include this information annually on the board meeting agenda for board review. This record of school board member visitation to the schools shall be reflected in the school board minutes and shall become a permanent part of each board member's personnel file.

In the event of a medical or other catastrophic hardship that prevents such school board member from obtaining the required training or filing such certificate, as may be defined by the Board of Directors of the Mississippi School Boards Association by rule and regulation, an additional period of three (3) months may be allowed to satisfy the requirements of this policy.

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