



# How the EGA Program Works



Individual board members can earn four different levels of distinctions (Commendable, Advanced, Distinguished, and Exemplary in the Exemplary Governance Award Program) by accumulating points for various ISBA or ISBA recognized activities.

As each individual level is attained, the board member is awarded a lapel pin to proudly wear at ISBA and other educational functions. In addition, they are recognized in the ISBA quarterly publication, *The Journal*.

If a majority of a board attains a minimum Commendable Individual recognition, the board is considered a Commendable Board. Once all board members have attained a minimum of Commendable Individual, the board will be recognized as an Advanced Board. Advanced Boards who complete a board self-assessment, and a board development retreat with an outside facilitator will be considered a Distinguished Board.

The highest level of board recognition for participation in professional development is that of Exemplary Board. Exemplary board status is conferred upon boards that complete the designated criteria— [See Exemplary Requirements here.](#)

<b>EGA Recognition Levels</b>
Commendable - 75 points
Advanced - 125 points
Distinguished - 175 points
Exemplary - 225 points

<b>Other Electives</b>
Write an article that is published in an education journal - 5 points **
Officially appointed to represent on an outside board - 5 points **
Serve on an ISBA committee - 5 points **
Attendance at NSBA, AASA, COSSBA or IASBO event - 10 points **
Retreats/Workshops/Seminars outside of ISBA - 1 pt. per hour, 5 pt. max **
<b>Must contain one or more of these subjects:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundational Statement Development</li> <li>• Strategic Planning</li> <li>• Board Member’s Roles/Responsibilities</li> <li>• Teambuilding</li> <li>• Conflict Resolution</li> <li>• Board/Superintendent Relations</li> </ul>

<b>ISBA Core Meetings</b>
<b>*It is mandatory to attend a minimum of one core meeting to advance to the next EGA level</b>
Fall Conference - 25 points
Winter/Summer Leadership Academy - 10 points each
New Board Member Academy - 45 points
Regional Meetings - 5 points

<b>ISBA Electives</b>
Subject Seminar or Retreat/Webinar/Roundtable with ISBA Staff - 1 pt. per hour, 10 pt. max

You can submit EGA points earned outside of ISBA Events [Here.](#)

**\*\* Max point award in a 12-month period**