

## Effective Governance Award

The highest award offered by ISBA that a school board can earn is the Effective Governance Award. To attain the distinction this award represents requires that a board meet specific requirements and show evidence of leadership and effectiveness in student achievement, continuous improvement, strategic planning, policy and self-governance. This award clearly demonstrates CAP expectations, showing how training and continuous education translates into more effective leadership and governance performance. The requirements are as follows:

To qualify for the Effective Governance Award:

- **Each board member must be at CAP Level 1 or greater (75 CAP Participation Points)**

Additionally, each board must submit an annual portfolio documenting their adherence, completion and/or validation of the following:

- **Board Self-Assessment**
  - + Must be conducted annually through ISBA
- **Annual Board Retreat**
  - + The agenda must be provided and must be greater than 4 hours
  - + Must include a review of Corporate Values/Beliefs, Mission, and Vision
- **Annual Review and Development of Corporation Goals**
  - + Provide review calendar
  - + Provide a list of current and previous year's goals
  - + Provide evidence of administrative team participation
- **Policy Review Procedure**
  - + Provide the board's policy review procedure process and evidence of board's participation (meeting minutes, specific policy discussion, etc.)
- **Evidence of the Board's Commitment to Student Achievement**
  - + Reports from board meetings
  - + Board actions supporting student achievement initiatives
  - + Board meeting agenda calendar
- **Evidence of Board's Continuing Education Commitment**
  - + Policy regarding board professional development
  - + Continued ISBA CAP participation (minimum of 25 points per year, which includes attendance at one core meeting)
    - Attendance at state and national education conventions/conferences/seminars
    - Book reviews
- **Evidence of Annual Superintendent Evaluation**
  - + Provide a copy of the corporation's current evaluation instrument
  - + Provide date (within the last 12 months) of last completed evaluation
- **Adoption of a Board Compact or Code of Ethics**
  - + Provide a copy of the Compact or Code of Ethics, signed by all board members
  - + Provide a copy of the board minutes where the compact was officially adopted.

The portfolio is to be submitted to ISBA by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to be reviewed for compliance to each of the requirements. Upon successful completion the board will be notified of its achievement, with the award to be conferred at the board's Spring Regional Meeting.