

EXEMPLARY GOVERNANCE AWARDS



INDIVIDUAL LEVELS

Each Exemplary Governance Award (EGA) level is determined by points a board member earns by attending continuous improvement and professional development activities as described as qualifying electives. Level designations are awarded based upon every board member's accumulation of points during consecutive years of board service ±.

COMMENDABLE: 75* POINTS

This level one award recognizes a member's commendable efforts by demonstrating a desire for advancing the principles of good governance. This individual has worked to attain the first level towards exemplary governance by earning 75 EGA points through participation in training, seminars, and/or conferences.

ADVANCED: 125* POINTS

The second level award reflects a commitment to excellence for those board members who have demonstrated their passion for service and leadership by advancing their professional development education through training opportunities that boost their total EGA points accumulated to 125.

DISTINGUISHED: 175* POINTS

This award recognizes the outstanding achievement of a board member, dedicated to board governance at a distinguished level. Board members earning this level demonstrate a commitment to continuing education and effective board governance.

EXEMPLARY: 225* POINTS

This is the highest level an individual board member can earn. Board members at this level have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to their own professional development in leadership and board governance through their continuous engagement in ISBA's professional development programs. The Exemplary Governance Honor Roll recognizes active school board members who previously attained Level 4 Exemplary distinction by accumulating at least 225 points in the EGA awards program.

BOARD LEVELS

An entire board can qualify for awards in four categories based on the collective Exemplary Governance Award (EGA) status of its individual members and completing certain criteria as a unit. The first three categories are: Commendable, Advanced, and Distinguished. The fourth category represents the highest award offered by ISBA, the Exemplary Governance Award.

COMMENDABLE

Commendable board recognition requires that a majority of a board's members have attained EGA Level One (75 points) or higher. Points earned must include points earned by attending one or more Core meetings.

ADVANCED

Advanced board recognition requires that all board members be at EGA Level One (75 points) or higher. Points earned must include points earned by attending one or more Core meetings. Additionally, the board must complete an annual board self-assessment with ISBA before December 31st of each year.

DISTINGUISHED

Distinguished boards must be second year Advanced Boards. Each member must earn a minimum of 25 additional EGA points per year including points earned by attending one or more Core electives. The board must also show evidence of a board retreat with an outside facilitator (agenda and name of facilitator; minimum of 4 hours) and complete an annual board self-assessment with ISBA.

EXEMPLARY GOVERNANCE AWARD

The Exemplary Governance Award is the highest award a school board can earn. This distinction is earned by validating exemplary board service by showing evidence of leadership and governance effectiveness, student achievement initiatives, continuous improvement, strategic planning, and policy review. Any board earning this award will have clearly demonstrated EGA expectations showing how training and professional development translates into greater governance performance through effective leadership.

Earning the Exemplary Governance Award requires that:

- Each board member must be at EGA Level One (75 points) or higher
- The board must submit an annual performance portfolio by December 31st documenting their adherence, completion and/or validation of the following:
 - Board self-assessment with ISBA
 - Annual board retreat
 - Annual review of corporation goals
 - Evidence of the board's commitment to student achievement
 - Evidence of a board's continuing education and professional development commitment
 - Evidence of an annual superintendent evaluation
 - Adoption of a board compact and/or code of ethics

Board EGA's are determined by boards meeting the required criteria by December 31st of each year. Awards are conferred at the boards' respective Spring Regional Meetings.

± Level awards are determined by the total EGA points accumulated by December 31st of each year. Awards are presented at the board members' respective Spring Regional meeting.

* The points required to advance to each level must include points earned by attending a minimum of one core elective.

2025 BOARD AWARDS

LEVEL 1 COMMENDABLE
Benton Community School Corporation
Bluffton-Harrison, MSD
Boone Township, MSD
Brown County Schools
Carmel Clay Schools
Caston School Corporation
Center Grove Community School Corporation
Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation
Cowan Community School Corporation
Crown Point Community School Corporation
Daleville Community Schools
Decatur County Community Schools
Decatur Township, MSD
DeKalb County Central United School District
DeKalb County Eastern Community School District
Delaware Community School Corporation
Delphi Community School Corporation
Duneland School Corporation
East Allen County Schools
East Chicago, School City
East Porter County School Corporation
Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation
Edinburgh Community School Corporation
Elkhart Community Schools
Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corporation
Gary Community School Corporation
Goshen Community Schools
Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Hammond, School City
Hanover Community School Corporation
Hobart, School City
Jennings County Schools
John Glenn School Corporation
Kankakee Valley School Corporation
Lafayette School Corporation
Lawrence Township, MSD
Maconaquah School Corporation
Martinsville, MSD
Middlebury Community Schools
Mississinewa Community School Corporation
Mitchell Community Schools
Monroe County Community School Corporation
Mt. Vernon, MSD
Munster, School Town
New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation
New Castle Community School Corporation
North Posey, MSD

North Spencer County School Corporation
Northeast Dubois County School Corporation
Northwest Allen County Schools
Norwell Community Schools
Paoli Community School Corporation
Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation
Peru Community School Corporation
Pike Township, MSD
Pioneer Regional School Corporation
Plainfield Community School Corporation
Portage Township School Corporation
Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation
Richmond Community Schools
Rossville Consolidated School District
Shakamak, MSD
Silver Creek School Corporation
South Madison Community School Corporation
South Newton School Corporation
Southwest Allen, MSD
Spencer-Owen Community Schools
Spring Valley Community Schools
Taylor Community School Corporation
Tri-Creek School Corporation
Triton School Corporation
Valparaiso Community Schools
Vigo County School Corporation
Vincennes Community School Corporation
Wa-Nee Community Schools
Warrick County School Corporation
Warsaw Community Schools
West Central School Corporation
West Lafayette Community School Corporation
Westfield-Washington Schools
Yorktown Community Schools
Zionsville Community School Corporation

LEVEL 2 ADVANCED
Barr-Reeve Community Schools
Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
Blue River Valley School Corporation
Centerville-Abington Community Schools
Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation
Clarksville Community School Corporation
Concord Community Schools
Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Eastern Howard School Corporation
Elwood Community School Corporation
Fort Wayne Community Schools

2025 BOARD AWARDS

Greater Clark County Schools
Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools
Highland, School Town
Knox Community School Corporation
Lake Central School Corporation
Lake Ridge New Tech Schools
Lake Station Community Schools
Merrillville Community School Corporation
Mishawaka, School City
Monroe Central School Corporation
New Palestine Community Schools
Perry Central Community School Corporation
Plymouth Community School Corporation
River Forest Community School Corporation
South Harrison Community School Corporation
South Putnam Community School Corporation

Tippecanoe School Corporation
Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation
Union Township School Corporation
Wayne Township, MSD

LEVEL 3 DISTINGUISHED
Madison-Grant United School Corporation
Western School Corporation

LEVEL 4 EXEMPLARY
Avon Community School Corporation
Noblesville Schools
North Gibson School Corporation
Speedway, School Town
Warren Township, MSD

2025 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

BOARD MEMBER	SCHOOL CORPORATION
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LEVEL 1 COMMENDABLE	
Mike Langford	Avon Community School Corporation
Thomas Glick	Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
Nicole Wheeldon	Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
Whittney Loyd	Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
Chris Dalton	Benton Community School Corporation
Lance Brown	Blue River Valley Schools
Chad Franzman	Boone Township, MSD
Jerry Michalak	Boone Township, MSD
Todd Huff	Bremen Public Schools
Clayton Beard	Brownstown Central Community School Corporation
Kristina Wheeler	Carmel Clay Schools
Jon Shapiro	Carmel Clay Schools
Stacey Brazel	Carroll Consolidated School Corporation
Todd Dooley	Centerville-Abington Community Schools
Bobbi Elliott	Clinton Prairie School Corporation
Tim Koontz	Concord Community Schools
J.D. Uebler	Culver Community Schools Corporation
Elizabeth Lecher Hochstedler	Decatur County Community Schools
Tony Oneal	DeKalb County Central United School District
Katie Pfister	DeKalb County Central United School District
Craig Davis	DeKalb County Eastern Community School District
Valerie Alexander	Delaware Community School Corporation
Pamela Dukes	East Allen County Schools

BOARD MEMBER	SCHOOL CORPORATION
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Lynn Rowe	East Gibson School Corporation
Audrey Starr	East Porter County School Corporation
Vanessa Moore	East Porter County School Corporation
Keith Spaulding	East Washington School Corporation
Taylor White	Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation
Jimmy Terry	Eastern Pulaski Community School Corporation
Carol Swanson	Edinburgh Community School Corporation
Sandra Ratliff	Elwood Community School Corporation
Sasha Henderson	Fayette County School Corporation
Antonette Payne	Fort Wayne Community Schools
Mike Suggs	Gary Community School Corporation
Danita Johnson-Woods	Gary Community School Corporation
Brandon Miller	Goshen Community Schools
Chelsea Crump	Greater Clark County Schools
Tammy Mustain	Greater Clark County Schools
Brian Jones	Greater Clark County Schools
John Rihm	Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation
Meredith Acra	Greensburg Community Schools
Julie Davis	Hamilton Heights School Corporation
Latrica Schooley	Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Kelly Spencer	Hammond, School City
Bradley Keehn	Hobart, School City
Nicole Carey	Indianapolis Public Schools
Angelia Moore	Indianapolis Public Schools
Tiffany Foster	Jac-Cen-Del Community School Corporation

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BOARD MEMBER	SCHOOL CORPORATION
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Patrick Sullivan	Jennings County Schools
Christine Carson	John Glenn School Corporation
William Walther	Kankakee Valley School Corporation
Thomas Browne	Knox Community School Corporation
Ebony Barrett	Lafayette School Corporation
Margaret Hass	Lafayette School Corporation
Louise Tallent	Lake Central School Corporation
David Bacon	Lake Ridge New Tech Schools
Jordan Billups-Taylor	Lake Station Community Schools
Mike Poweska	Lake Station Community Schools
Ryan Lind	Lanesville Community School Corporation
Crystal Puckett	Lawrence Township, MSD
Lisa Hutcheson	Lebanon Community School Corporation
Craig Parks	Lebanon Community School Corporation
Rex Betzner	Maconaquah School Corporation
Wendy Longacre	Madison-Grant United School Corporation
Lisa Martin	Madison-Grant United School Corporation
Alan Beck	Marion Community Schools
Michael Gresham	Michigan City Area Schools
Caleb Mast	Middlebury Community Schools
Melisa Branscum	Mill Creek Community School Corporation
Patrick Patterson	Monroe Central School Corporation
April Hennessey	Monroe County Community School Corporation
Brian Williams	Mt. Vernon, MSD
Amanda Wooton	New Palestine Community Schools
Bret Richardson	Noblesville Schools
J. Wylie Sirk II	North Adams Community Schools
Rick Nightingale	North Posey County, MSD
Brittany Giles	North Spencer County School Corporation
Jennifer Rich	North Spencer County School Corporation
Emilee Fleece	North West Hendricks School Corporation
Erica Jamison	Northwest Allen County Schools
Catherine Peterson	Norwell Community Schools
David Padgett	Paoli Community School Corporation
Julie Hopper	Paoli Community School Corporation
Matthew Fuller	Peru Community School Corporation
Meg Guthrie-Pennington	Peru Community School Corporation
Jarrod Ellis	Peru Community School Corporation
Toni Wilson	Pike Township, MSD
Steve Hoofer	Pike Township, MSD
Jud Wolfe	Plainfield Community School Corporation
Lisa Huff	Plymouth Community School Corporation
Steve Holm	Plymouth Community School Corporation
Jeff Smith	Portage Township Schools
Mark Jordan	Rensselaer Central School Corporation
Courtney Wilcox	Rensselaer Central School Corporation

BOARD MEMBER	SCHOOL CORPORATION
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Kym Pickering	Richmond Community Schools
Hector Guzman	River Forest Community School Corporation
Brent Michael	Rossville Consolidated School District
John Banks	Rush County Schools
Melissa Woods	Scott County School District 2
Braionna Barber	Shakamak, MSD
Drexel Turpin	Shoals Community School Corporation
Laurryn McDaniel	Silver Creek School Corporation
Jeanette McCullough	South Bend Community School Corporation
Steve Simler	South Harrison Community School Corporation
Doug Copley	Southwest Allen County, MSD
Detrich Harris	Southwest School Corporation
Deana Stickels	Spencer-Owen Community Schools
Carla Newlin	Springs Valley Community Schools
Brooke Lockett	Triton Central Schools
Kevin Boyer	Triton School Corporation
Erika Watkins	Valparaiso Community Schools
Ashley Kruse	Valparaiso Community Schools
Christina Crist	Vigo County School Corporation
Andrew Skinner	Warrick County School Corporation
Robert McCormick	Washington Community Schools
Cheri O'Day-Marcotte	Wayne Township, MSD
George Lyle IV	West Lafayette Community School Corporation
Brian Gott	Western Boone County Community School Corporation
Cynthia Hurst	Western School Corporation
Gregory Stephens	Western School Corporation
Jonathan Toth	Whiting, School City
Chad Moore	Whitley County Consolidated Schools
Tom Rentschler	Whitley County Consolidated Schools
Jason Brooks	Yorktown Community Schools

LEVEL 2 ADVANCED	
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Jennifer Smith	Avon Community School Corporation
Jody Schultheis	Barr-Reeve Community Schools
Jason Major	Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
Scott Robertson	Benton Community School Corporation
Darren Burch	Bloomfield School District
Bryce Eaton	Clinton Central School Corporation
Amy Mennen	Clinton Central School Corporation
Vivian Whitaker	Cloverdale Community School Corporation
Tara Towner	Concord Community Schools
Zachary Owen	Delphi Community School Corporation
Beth Mehling	Duneland School Corporation
Kirk Redman	Duneland School Corporation
Beth Wood	East Allen County Schools
Elizabeth McFalls	East Porter County School Corporation

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BOARD MEMBER	SCHOOL CORPORATION
Abbee Summers	Eastern Howard School Corporation
David Bauman	Edinburgh Community School Corporation
Daniel Teter	Edinburgh Community School Corporation
Troy Scott	Elkhart Community Schools
Mike Peterson	Elwood Community School Corporation
Chad Bock	Elwood Community School Corporation
Karen Ragland	Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation
Zac Burnau	Fremont Community Schools
Bradd Weddell	Goshen Community Schools
Ryan Glick	Goshen Community Schools
Jose Elizalde	Goshen Community Schools
Keith Freeman	Greater Clark County Schools
Judy Englert	Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools
Steve Lukemeyer	Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools
Aaron Kuzma	Hanover Community School Corporation
Jason Downs	Knox Community School Corporation
Autumn Ferch	Knox Community School Corporation
Brent Clemenz	Lafayette School Corporation
Julie Peretin	Lafayette School Corporation
Nicole Kelly	Lake Central School Corporation
Kevin Music	Lake Station Community Schools
Jessica Dunn	Lawrence Township, MSD
Robert Krause	Merrillville Community School Corporation
David Weber	Mishawaka, School City
Steve Burton	Mitchell Community Schools
Bradley Inskeep	Monroe Central School Corporation
Ross Grimes	Monroe County Community School Corporation
Kendra Bisesi	Mt. Vernon, MSD
Sandra Schraub	Nettle Creek School Corporation
Jaci Hadsell	New Castle Community School Corporation
Ed Harvey	Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corporation
Scott King	North Lawrence Community Schools
Nichole Kelley	Pike Township, MSD
Gary Braasch	Rensselaer Central School Corporation
Kristen Brunton	Richmond Community Schools
Myrta Pedroza	River Forest Community School Corporation
Jennifer Craig	Scott County School District 2
Chris Rountree	Silver Creek School Corporation
Steve Hamlett	South Dearborn Community School Corporation
Wade Fanning	South Putnam Community School Corporation
Kimberly Moppert	Southwest Allen County, MSD
Derrek Tennell	Southwestern Consolidated School District
Adam Gonzales	Speedway, School Town
Elizabeth Bixler	Spencer-Owen Community Schools
Dennis Bentzler	Taylor Community School Corporation
Leah Pagone	Union Township School Corporation

BOARD MEMBER	SCHOOL CORPORATION
Christine Kostbade	Union Township School Corporation
Jason Fry	Wabash City Schools
Denny Duncan	Warsaw Community Schools
Melissa Kissling	Warsaw Community Schools
Timothy Hedrick	Washington Community Schools
Joe Hutsell	West Noble School Corporation
Phil Foster	Western Boone County Community School Corporation
Charles Christner	Westview School Corporation
Chris Davenport	Whiting, School City
Victoria Gasaway	Yorktown Community Schools
Katie Aeschliman	Zionsville Community Schools

LEVEL 3 DISTINGUISHED	
Holly Renz	Anderson Community School Corporation
Sarah Parent	Avon Community School Corporation
Rich Stenner	Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
Mysia Brown	Blue River Valley Schools
Brian Koontz	Blue River Valley Schools
Kristin Kouka	Carmel Clay Schools
J. Monte Thompson	Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Amy Pugh	Culver Community Schools Corporation
Jacob Case	Delaware Community School Corporation
Lance Engle	Delaware Community School Corporation
Michael Priest	Delphi Community School Corporation
Gil Smith	Delphi Community School Corporation
Jennifer Blackburn	East Allen County Schools
Patty Jo Gibson-King	East Chicago, School City
Tammy Stunda	Eastern Hancock County, Community School Corporation
Evan Eikenberry	Eastern Howard School Corporation
Stephanie Hoel	Elwood Community School Corporation
Jennifer Matthias	Fort Wayne Community Schools
Noah Smith	Fort Wayne Community Schools
Bob Marcum	Frankfort, Community Schools
Dawn Lang	Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Sarah Parks-Reese	Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Tara Beilke	Hanover Community School Corporation
Katherine Sampson	Kankakee Valley School Corporation
Louise Neese	Lake Ridge New Tech Schools
David Wright	Lake Station Community Schools
Allen Willson	Maconaquah School Corporation
Timothy White	Maconaquah School Corporation
David Whybrew	Madison-Grant United School Corporation
Michael Hensley	Manchester Community Schools
Luke Jackson	Martinsville, MSD
Kate Hummel	Middlebury Community Schools
William Pemberton	Mishawaka, School City

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BOARD MEMBER	SCHOOL CORPORATION
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Ingrid Schwarz Wolf	Munster, School Town
Elizabeth Galligan	New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corp
Jon Hooker	New Palestine Community Schools
Terresa Hatke	North Montgomery Community School Corporation
Joseph Kimmel	Paoli Community School Corporation
Dana Sullivan	Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation
Emily Hartman	Perry Township Schools
Angela Barnes	Pike Township, MSD
Jessica Elston	Plainfield Community School Corporation
Larry DeMoss	Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corp
Jennie Smith	Rochester Community School Corporation
Casi Cowles	Rochester Community School Corporation
Deneen Stewart	South Harrison Community School Corporation
John Lord	South Madison Community School Corporation
Ryan Kindig	South Newton School Corporation
Candace Armstrong	South Newton School Corporation
Joseph Roach	South Putnam Community School Corporation
Joshua Loggins	Tippecanoe School Corporation
Aaron Zolman	Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation
Robert Cochrane	Tipton Community School Corporation
Lori McLaughlin	Union Township School Corporation
Carey LaBella	Vigo County School Corporation
Kevin Humphrey	Warren Township, MSD
Randy Polston	Warsaw Community Schools
Jake Tanner	West Central School Corporation
Mike Steele	Westfield-Washington Schools
Bill Anderson	Westfield-Washington Schools

LEVEL 4 EXEMPLARY	
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Dale Nowlin	Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
Julie Phillips	Baugo Community Schools
Carla Bryant	Blue River Valley Schools
Myra Powell	Borden-Henryville School Corporation
Butch Zike	Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation
Beth Cherry	Danville Community School Corporation
Todd Mauer	Decatur County Community Schools
Valerie Armstrong	DeKalb County Central United School District
Kirk Schwarzkopf	Delphi Community School Corporation
Alayna Lightfoot Pol	Duneland School Corporation
Steven Screeton	East Allen County Schools
Diane Smith	East Chicago, School City
Christina McGinnis	East Washington School Corporation
Jordan Buckley	Eastern Howard School Corporation
Kellie Mullins	Elkhart Community Schools
Ann Kirschner	Fayette County School Corporation
Becky Nelson	Franklin Community School Corporation

BOARD MEMBER	SCHOOL CORPORATION
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Kevin Kaiser	Franklin County Community School Corporation
Zach Howard	Franklin Township Community School Corporation
Kathy Ruesken	Griffith Public Schools
Suzanne Thomas	Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Tracy Haskell	Hanover Community School Corporation
Sandra Hillan	Hobart, School City
Ryan Knowiton	John Glenn School Corporation
Amy Norman	Lawrence Township, MSD
Katti Sneed	Madison-Grant United School Corporation
Matt Hankins	Martinsville, MSD
Alex Dunlap	Merrillville Community School Corporation
Marty Corley	Michigan City Area Schools
Shannon Walls	Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation
Greg Oeth	Mt. Vernon, MSD
John Castro	Munster, School Town
Christi Crosser	Noblesville Schools
Misti Ray	Noblesville Schools
Stephanie Lambert	Noblesville Schools
Brock Sievers	North Gibson School Corporation
Joseph Williams	North Gibson School Corporation
Kristi Schlatter	Northwest Allen County Schools
Jonathan Underwood	Northwestern School Corporation
Chad Kline	Norwell Community Schools
Scott Dubois	Oak Hill United School Corporation
Bill Hoke	Paoli Community School Corporation
Brad Swartzell	Pioneer Regional School Corporation
Danielle Bell	Plainfield Community School Corporation
Lori Wilkie	Portage Township Schools
Nicolas Evans	South Harrison Community School Corporation
Mike Hanna	South Madison Community School Corporation
Lisa Cooper	South Putnam Community School Corporation
Derek Morgan	Spencer-Owen Community Schools
Christopher Burton	Springs Valley Community Schools
Julie Cummings	Tippecanoe School Corporation
Robert Tichy	Union Township School Corporation
Rhonda Hipskind	Wabash City Schools
Jeff Baker	Warrick County School Corporation
Tim Mosbey	Warrick County School Corporation
Karen Burke	Wayne Township, MSD
Amy Austin	West Lafayette Community School Corporation
Rachel Witt	West Lafayette Community School Corporation
Mary Ann Schaefer	Whitley County Consolidated Schools