



2026 Governance Camp Session Proposal Guide

Your voice belongs at Camp!

We're looking for sessions and demos that highlight what's working in Texas Public Schools, specifically policy and programs that elevate Student Voice, strengthen student achievement, and inspire action through innovative governance practices. Share your success stories, real-world lessons, and new ideas that can spark fresh thinking that helps boards lead with the purpose of shaping the next chapter of public education.

Submission Window

Nov. 1, 2025-Jan. 9, 2026, at 5 p.m. (CT)

Conference Dates

March 4-7, 2026

Session Types **described in detail below*

- Leadership & Governance
- Student Voice Presentation
- Student Inspired District Demonstration

Submission Topics

- Showcase innovation and evidence-based practice.
- Encourage dialogue, engagement, and actionable outcomes.
- Present ideas supported by data, research, or real-world results.
- Address issues important to Texas trustees and public education.
- Challenge attendees to explore new perspectives or solutions.
- Elevate student voice and connect learning to student achievement.
- Offer inclusive approaches that reach diverse learning styles.
- Demonstrate relevance through practical examples or case studies.

Session Content Categories

Content should focus on developing the knowledge or skills of trustees in any of the themes of the [Framework for School Board Development](#). View the [Standard Session Categories](#) for definitions and examples.

- Vision and Goals
- Systems and Processes
- Progress and Accountability
- Advocacy and Engagement
- Synergy and Teamwork

Session Formats

Adult learners prefer to engage in self-directed learning, and that philosophy drives the Governance Camp approach to conference programming.

- **Open Discussion:** Moderator-facilitated, in-depth conversation with participants serving as key contributors around a specific issue or topic concerning education.

- **Panel:** Moderator-led discussion with experts in the field with an opportunity for audience Q&A.
- **Presentation:** Formal presentation by an expert, often featuring a visual component (e.g., PowerPoint) designed to inform the audience about a specific issue or topic and demonstrate key components of a particular education approach.

Session Type Details

Leadership & Governance Scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2026:

- **Purpose:** These are the educational backbone of Governance Camp. Showcase strategies, innovations, and lessons that drive student success and amplify student voice.
- **Presenters:** Consist of Trustees, District leadership, TASB experts & other K-12 thought leaders, *including at least one (1) TEA Registered Provider*
- **Length:** 60 minutes; including interactive engagement with attendees and Q&A. *Sessions ending more than 5 minutes early may not be considered for future events.*
- **Formats:** Panel, presentation, open discussion.
- **Content:** Should reflect [TASB's mission and Cornerstone Principles](#).
- **Standard Room Set & AV:** Theater seating, projector or large TV monitor, laptop connected to Wi-Fi, two (2) wireless handheld microphones, and clicker.

Student Voice Submissions Scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2026:

Districts may submit for **one or both types** through multiple submissions.

Please carefully review the different session types.

Attendance Expectations: Students are expected to attend and participate in the entirety of Friday, including the Closing Scholarship Panel.

Student Voice Presentation • Purpose: Highlight the authentic experiences of Texas public school students that reveal how policy, practice, and personal agency intersect to influence achievement and educational outcomes. • Presenters: Sessions should be presented or co-presented by students, <i>and preferably with at least one (1) TEA Registered Provider</i> • Length: 60 minutes; including interactive engagement with attendees and Q&A. • Formats: Panel, presentation, open discussion. • Content: Showcase initiatives and stories that amplify student leadership, advocacy, and collaboration with educators or policymakers to improve learning and school culture. • Standard Room Set & AV: Theater seating, projector or large TV monitor, laptop connected to Wi-Fi, two (2) wireless handheld microphones, and clicker.	Student Inspired District Demonstration • Purpose: Give students the platform to lead hands-on, interactive experiences in an "exhibit" style setting. • Presenters: Demonstrations should be led or co-led by students. • Length: 5-15 minutes demos *repeated before meals and during conference breaks. • Format: Mini demonstrations where students preview their project, to all attendees on a flow. • Content: Projects or programs that demonstrate student innovation, creativity, leadership and real-world learning. Examples: ○ Emerging technology such as augmented reality, esports, or interactive EdTech tools. ○ STEM innovations like robotics, aerospace builds, or renewable energy systems. ○ Health and safety initiatives that promote student well-being and community impact. ○ Entrepreneurship and media ventures such as student-run businesses, product design, or digital storytelling. ○ Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs showcasing the breadth of local pathways. • Standard Set & AV: Shared open area, two (2) display tables and access to power.
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Important housing, meals and transportation notes for accepted Student Voice type submissions:

- TASB will cover a **maximum of four (4) total hotel rooms** for a Thursday, March 5, 2026 check-in.
- The district is responsible for any additional required rooms, or nights, required for chaperones and students.
- **The district is responsible for transportation** to/from Galveston, TX for all chaperones and students.
- **Meals** provided by TASB during the conference: Breakfast and lunch on Friday, March 6, 2026.

Session Submission Requirements

- No more than two (2) applications per school district or organization will be eligible for consideration, **per session type**.
- Educational, neutral, and free of commercial motivation or intent.
- All proposed content leaders must be listed. "To Be Determined" or blank placeholders for panelists or co-presenters will not be accepted.
- Sales and/or vendor submissions will NOT be accepted.
- Include at least one (1) TEA Registered Provider for Governance and Student Voice sessions

Presenter Agreement and Reminders

- **TASB will not contact co-presenters**, it is Submitter/Primary Contact's responsibility to relay all session guidelines and information to the primary presenter/co-presenters, including:
 - **Primary Presenter:** must sign [Presenter Agreement](#)
 - All presenters must agree to [Event Terms and Conditions](#) during registration (Payments and Refunds, Cancellation, Civility, Consent to Photography and Recording, Non-Endorsement, and Marketing/Solicitation) during registration (Payments and Refunds, Cancellation, Civility, Consent to Photography and Recording, Non-Endorsement, and Marketing/Solicitation).
- All presenters, co-presenters, support staff and chaperones **must register** for the conference, including paying the appropriate fee to attend.
- Submitting a session(s) does not guarantee acceptance.
- **Complimentary Registration Exceptions:**
 1. **TASB Member Districts**, with an accepted ISD session, are eligible to receive a maximum of two (2) complimentary full-conference registrations, intended for the Superintendent and Board President.
 - The total number of complimentary full registrations is limited to two (2) per district, regardless of how many sessions or presentation category types are accepted. (Non-ISD presenters, including companies, organizations, and consultants, are **not eligible** for complimentary registration.)
 2. **First two (2) chaperones** for **each** Student Voice Accepted Session. (Student Voice Presentations and/or Student Inspired District Demonstrations)

Visit [TASB.org/governance-camp](https://tasb.org/governance-camp) to access

- Session Submission Link
- Required Information for Submitting a proposal
- Presenter Agreement
- TASB's TEA Provider Application Guide
- TEA Provider Application
- Event Terms and Conditions

Accepted submissions notified via email by Jan. 22, 2026.

Submission questions: mail events@tasb.org.