

New Trustee Institute

We're not just doing orientation...we're building formation: an on-ramp into a disciplined governance culture.

A guided entry into effective independent school governance.



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The sessions will take place:

**Aug 13, Sep 16, Oct 14, Nov 12,
Dec 14, Jan 12, Apr 06**



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8 sessions



Session Length:

60 minutes



Format:

Virtual

November has in-person option, 2 hours.

PROGRAM DETAILS

AUG

Starting Strong: The First 90 Days

- Roles and responsibilities
- Fiduciary duties
- What effective Boards do
- Online course: Financial Literacy for Board Members

SEP

Understanding the Work of the Board

- Board structure
- Board culture and norms
- How decisions are made



OCT

The Independent School Model

- Mission-driven vs market-driven
- Enrollment, tuition, and auxiliary revenue
- Financial complexity

NOV

Governance vs Management: The Line That Matters (in-person)

- Strategic vs operational roles
- The Board-Head partnership
- Supporting...but not overstepping

DEC

Reading the Signals

- Board materials and dashboards
- What matters vs what is noise
- Asking high-quality questions

JAN

Finance & Risk

- Budgeting
- Sustainability signals
- Legal and fiduciary risk
- Emerging issues

APR

Evaluating What Matters

- Board self-assessment
- Committee effectiveness
- Head of School evaluation
- Program wrap-up

