

Mission Statement

The mission of the VSBA is to provide member boards with services, training and advocacy so that they may exercise effective leadership in public school governance on behalf of public education for all children in the Commonwealth. The Virginia School Boards Association is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan organization whose primary mission is the advancement of education through the unique American tradition of local citizen control of, and accountability for, the Commonwealth's public schools. In this way, education policy is decided by local school boards who are directly accountable to the community. VSBA promotes the quality of education through services to local school boards. It represents school boards' interests before the legislature, state agencies, Congress, and other state and national regulatory bodies. Membership of the VSBA includes [134 local school boards](#) of [Virginia](#). Founded in 1906, VSBA represents the Commonwealth's school boards who, in turn, govern the schools attended by the public school children in Virginia. Member boards pay dues to the Association based on the amount of total funds spent on school operation. Income from dues is used to support functions and services of the Association.

VSBA is governed by a [Board of Directors](#) consisting of the officers, chairmen of standing committees, at-large members, and regional chairmen. Representation comes from all regions of the state and from all sizes and types of school divisions.