

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why was COSSBA created and what is the purpose of the organization?

Founded by state school boards associations in late 2021, the Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA) is a non-partisan, national alliance dedicated to sharing resources and information to support, promote and strengthen state school boards associations as they serve their local school districts and board members.

COSSBA is voluntary, non-partisan federation of state school boards associations focused on:

- Support for the work of state school boards associations through effective staff
- collaboration, networking, and shared resources
- Networking opportunities for local school board members and association board members to enhance the effectiveness of their work
- Tracking and advocating for federal education issues and policies impacting local school boards and public education aligned with a statement of core values and beliefs of COSSBA
- Federal judicial advocacy impacting local control and public education

What are the guiding principles?

- Focused and responsive
- Transparent and efficient
- Reflective and relevant
- Representative and accountable
- Unified

How do other states join as members?

Membership and participation are open to all state school boards associations. State associations may join upon approval by their board and submission of their first-year dues payment.

All state associations that have made an initial financial commitment of “seed funding” prior to March 31, 2022, and a commitment to pay requisite 2022-2023 dues have been appointed to voting seats on the Transition Steering Committee (TSC). The TSC is made up of a state executive and seated member of the state association board. Each team will have one vote on the TSC during the period of April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. A permanent board will be established (along with bylaws and other policies) prior to July 1, 2023.

Do you have a website?

COSSBA.org

Do you have social media accounts?

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/CofSSBA/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/CofSSBA/>

Is there a main contact person for COSSBA?