

OASBO Southeast Chapter Course Description Quick Guide

Course Name	Course Description
Ohio Ethics Law Jennifer Hardin, Deputy Director of Legal Services, Ohio School Board Association	<p>This session is an overview of the elements of the Ohio Ethics Law that are most important for school district treasurers and business officials. The session will focus on: (1) conflicts of interest related to hiring and compensation; (2) public contract law restrictions that govern purchasing and investments; and (3) restrictions related to interactions with vendors, including banks and investment advisors. The presenter will share Ohio Ethics Commission opinions issued to, involving, or particularly relevant to school district treasurers and business officials.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Remind the audience of the key elements of the ethics law regarding hiring/compensation and purchasing/investments.2. Reviews public contract and conflict of interest limitations on interactions with vendors.3. Familiarize the audience with Ohio Ethics Commission advisory opinions issued to, involving, or particularly relevant to school district treasurers. <p>Because school business officials are involved in the daily financial affairs of school districts, they are frequently in an ideal position to identify, and even prevent, violations of the Ethics Law. This course will enhance the background and working knowledge of treasurers and business officers in ethics as it is directly related to their public duties. The course will discuss Ohio Ethics Laws related to purchasing and investing, including the investment restriction that was violated by the former Columbiana County treasurer whose 1994 conviction that was the genesis of the CPIM program. Finally, it will acquaint school district treasurers with the Ohio Ethics Commission's most useful advisory opinions on school district financial issues.</p>