

SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

The Board, within the powers delegated to it by law, is the policymaking and/or legislative branch of the School District. The Superintendent is the executive, or administrative branch of the School District.

The purpose of the Board is to exercise general supervision over the Schools of the District and to ensure that the Schools are maintained in accordance with federal and state laws, Department of Public Instruction regulations, and policies adopted by the Board. The Board shall provide the School District with education of the highest quality consistent with the needs of the community and the ability of the community to finance the educational program.

No member of the Board shall have power to act in the name of the Board outside of a Board meeting. Board members have authority only as a collective governing body, and not as individuals.

Though Board members individually cannot act for the Board, collectively they are responsible for all things done by the District. The Board exercises this responsibility by proper organization, delegation and direction through Board policies.

The responsibilities of the Board shall be:

1. To determine the educational needs of the community and plan accordingly.
 2. To establish policies regarding School Board management, administration, instruction, fiscal management, personnel management, student services, support operations and community relations.
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3. To employ a Superintendent as its professional advisor and delegate to him/her the authority and responsibility to implement Board policies, enforce its rules and administer the schools.
4. To consider, advise and initiate action on recommendations of the Superintendent for extension and readjustments of the education activities of the school.
5. To consider, revise and adopt an annual budget recommended by the Superintendent and provide the necessary financial resources for the budgets execution.
6. To authorize all District expenditures and approve the payment of bills.
7. To appoint District employees, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.
8. To evaluate its own performance and the Superintendent's performance annually.
9. To evaluate the effects of its policies by such means as observation, special studies and reports by the Superintendent.
10. To perform the specific Board duties as outlined by the statutes.

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