

Descriptor Term:
BOARD AUTHORITY AND DUTIES

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1.0100

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Cross References:

The board of education is a body corporate which has general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools of the school system and the authority to enforce all school laws. All powers and duties conferred and imposed by law respecting public schools, which are not expressly conferred and imposed upon some other official, are conferred and imposed by law upon the board.

The board shall provide a system of schools and shall establish general policies in keeping with the needs of the community and the requirements of all laws and perform all specific duties imposed by law. The board considers some of its most significant duties to be the following:

1. providing leadership and direction through the formulation of goals and objectives for the school system, especially in defining and setting high academic standards for student success;
2. creating policies that establish standards, accountability and evaluation of essential operations for of the school system;
3. taking steps necessary to help ensure legal compliance of the board and school system functions;
4. performing judicial functions by conducting hearings as appropriate or required by law regarding decisions of the school system personnel or the board;
5. hiring a superintendent, supporting the superintendent in his/ her administration, and evaluating and responding to recommendations made by the superintendent, including recommendations pertaining to the educational program and facility needs of the system;
6. considering the budget recommended by the superintendent, presenting the budget to the county commissioners and adopting a budget after evaluating whether the county commissioners' appropriation is sufficient to support a system of free public schools; and
7. being an advocate for the school system, its employees and especially its students, in all interactions with other governmental entities and the public.