

## SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

The Board of Education is the governing body of the school district. The Board is entrusted with the responsibility of developing policies under which the district is managed.

The powers and duties of the Board shall be as stated in the Education Law and other applicable New York State law, and include the following:

1. to observe and enforce state laws and regulations pertaining to education;
2. to accept office as a Board member as a means of unselfish service;
3. to transact school business only in regular sessions;
4. to represent the entire community without fear or favor;
5. to remember at all times that no Board member serves as an individual but as one of a team;
6. to accept all Board decisions once they are made and assist in carrying them out effectively;
7. to delegate action to the chief school administrator as the Board executive and to confine Board action to policy making, planning and appraisal;
8. to employ only competent, trained personnel and these only on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools; and
9. to preserve the right and obligation of teachers to treat controversial issues fairly and without bias.

Complete and final authority on all district educational matters, except as restricted by law, will be vested in the Board in its role as a corporate entity. The Board may also enter into contracts and agreements in conformity with state law.

Ref: \_\_\_ Education Law §§1604; 1604-a; 1701; 1708; 1709; 1710

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