

SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The Constitution of the State places the responsibility of establishing and maintaining public schools in the jurisdiction of the State Legislature, which provides for a State Board of Education charged with the general supervision of the public schools. The Law also provides local public schools shall be maintained, developed and operated by locally-elected school committees or boards of education. This Maine School Administrative District Board of Directors derives its legal authority from the State Constitution, state statutes and regulations of the State Board of Education.

By custom and tradition, local school boards have responsibilities to the local citizenry they serve and which elect them to office. Recognizing this parallel concept of authority and responsibility, the Board becomes a policy-making body for the school district serving within the framework provided by Law and responding to the will of the local citizenry.

LEGAL REFERENCE: *TITLE 20A MRSA SEC. 1001; 1251 ET SEQ.*

CROSS REFERENCE: *AA-SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS
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