

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SERIES 200**

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TITLE: LEGAL STATUS OF THE BOARD

Each school district is a body corporate and governed by a Board of Trustees. The authority to govern, which resides in a Board of Trustees has been extended to it by the State. Trustees are elected to staggered terms of office from trustees zones within the district.

As an agent of the State, the board is charged with enforcing State law and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education as they apply to the local school district. As a representative of the people of the district, it is charged with the responsibility of providing the best educational program for the children of the district.

Ultimately, the board of trustees is responsible to the people and, therefore should attempt to reflect the opinion of the community; however, school trustees must look to the future and rely on their own judgment, even though they may reach an unpopular decision. The results of many of the decisions and actions of the board will not be realized at once, but will set the course of education for future years. The Board of Trustees should support those educational philosophies and procedures needed to promote an adequate education for the community based on the needs of the students.

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to organize and maintain the distinction between those activities which are appropriate to the Board of Trustees as the legislative governing body of the School District and those administrative activities which are to be performed by the Superintendent of Schools and his staff in the exercise of delegated administrative authority. The function of the Board can be described as policy-making, appraisal, and evaluation.

The Board of Trustees shall have the further duty of providing the financial means by which the educational program is conducted. They shall also ensure that the community be informed of the needs, purposes, values, and status of the schools.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Idaho Code 33-501,33-502,33-301

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