

SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

School boards exercise all the powers and duties prescribed to them by applicable state and federal laws and rules of the state board of education.

The following are current duties for school boards prescribed by the state board of education:

- a. The school board shall adopt such policies as are necessary and desirable to control and effectuate the recruitment, employment, evaluation, and dismissal of teachers and other employees and may delegate authority to the superintendent of schools to carry out the provisions of such policies excepting that no teacher shall be employed who has not been nominated by the superintendent of schools and elected by the school board.
- b. The school board shall adopt such policies as are necessary and desirable to control and effectuate the purchase of equipment, supplies, or services and may delegate to the superintendent of schools the authority to make commitments in accordance with such policy.
- c. The school board shall, through appropriate planning and required action, make suitable provision for the physical accommodation of all students in approved schoolhouses or other suitable facilities; shall provide required transportation of students; and shall provide that all school buildings and other learning environments be maintained in a manner consistent with acceptable standards of health and safety.
- d. The school board shall seasonably prepare a budget of school expenditures and make suitable and timely assignment of the school money to the various needs of the schools. In state-aided districts, accounts shall be kept as the state board shall require and shall be open at all times to the inspection of the superintendent and any other officer of the state board and to the public in accordance with the laws of the New Hampshire.
- e. The school board shall hold meetings for the transaction of business at least once in two months and shall require the attendance of the superintendent or his/her designee. The board shall cause a written record to be kept of each meeting.
- f. The school board shall in consultation with the superintendent and in accordance with statutes and regulations of the state board of education, determine the educational goals of the district, develop long-range plans and identify measurable and attainable short-term objectives. The school board shall require the implementation of educational programs designed to reflect the goals and objectives and, further, the school board shall require the appropriate review of such programs and make public the results of such investigation.

- g. The school board shall exercise all powers and perform all duties vested in and imposed upon the school board by law or regulations of the state board which are not committed to the superintendent or by them expressly delegated to him.

Statutory-Regulatory References:
N.H. Code of Administrative Rules-section Ed. 303

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