

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

General Powers and Duties of the Board

Under Iowa law, the Board of Directors shall make rules for its own government and that of the teachers and pupils, and for the care of the schoolhouse, grounds, and property of the school corporation, and aid in the enforcement of these rules, and require the performance of duties of said persons imposed by the law and the rules.

The Board of Directors has three major kinds of duties:

1. Legislative: The Board represents the people of the district and will function as a policy making body. The Board has complete jurisdiction over the school district and its employees.
2. Executive: The Board of Directors selects an executive officer, the superintendent of schools, and delegates to him or her the authority for formulation and overseeing all regulations, plans, and administrative details necessary to ensure that the policies of the Board are carried out in the daily operation of the schools.
3. Evaluative: It is the Board's duty to determine, through careful study and examination of facts and conditions, whether the schools are being operated efficiently--not only in terms of dollars and cents, but in terms of the effectiveness of the school's instructional programs, based on a sound philosophy of education as formulated by the Board.

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Chapter 279.8; Constitution of Iowa, Art. IX Sec. 8 and 12