

Legal Status and Operation

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The board of directors of the Nooksack Valley School District is the corporate entity established by the state of Washington to plan and direct all aspects of the district's operations to ensure quality in the content of the district's educational program and provide students with an opportunity to achieve those skills recognized as requisite to learning.

The policies of the board define the organization of the board and its manner of conducting official business. The board's operating policies are those that the board adopts from time to time to facilitate the performance of its responsibilities.

Organization

The corporate name of this school district is Nooksack Valley School District No. 506, Whatcom County, state of Washington. The district is classified as a first class district and is operated in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to first class districts.

In order to achieve its primary goal of providing each child with the necessary skills and attitudes, commensurate with his/her ability, to become effective citizens, the board will exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws of the state. Its legal powers, duties and responsibilities are derived from state statute and regulation. Sources such as the school code ([Title 28A RCW](#)), attorney general's opinions, regulations of the State Board of Education ([Title 180 WAC](#)), and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction ([Title 392 WAC](#)) delineate the legal powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board.

The mission of the Nooksack Valley School District is to "Ensure the Success of All Students." By this we mean that all students graduate from high school prepared for college, careers, and citizenship. In order to accomplish this mission, we have six focus areas. Instruction

Ensuring that our instructional models and best practice knowledge are evident in every classroom every day

Curriculum

Ensuring that the curriculum is aligned from kindergarten through high school.

Assessment

Using student information on a frequent basis to improve teaching and learning

Professional Learning Communities

Ensuring that we have collaborative adult learning communities to improve teaching and learning, with a focus on student achievement results in place in all buildings

Community Engagement

Engaging our community of students, staff, families, and other citizens in a new conversation about our current reality, the need for change, our mission, and plans to realize that mission, with particular emphasis on high school redesign

Student Support Systems

Ensuring that we have supports in place for students not meeting standards. All schools are also developing support systems for students not meeting standards and providing time for teachers to meet together to focus on student success through improvement of curriculum, assessment, and instructional practices.

Number of Members and Terms of Office

The board will consist of five members, elected by ballot by the registered voters of the district. Except as otherwise provided by law, board members will hold office for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of board members will be staggered as provided by law.

Newly-elected directors will take office at the first official meeting of the board of directors after the election results have been certified by the county auditor. Prior to beginning their term, directors will take and subscribe to an oath of office.

Cross References:

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Legal References:

RCW 28A.150.230 Basic Education Act — District school directors' responsibilities
RCW 28A.300.065 Classification and numbering system of school districts
RCW 28A.315.035 Organization of school districts
RCW 28A.320.010 Corporate powers
RCW 28A.320.040 Directors — Bylaws for board and school government
RCW 28A.343.300 Director — Terms — Numbers
RCW 28A.343.320 Directors — Declarations of candidacy — Positions as separate offices
RCW 28A.343.330 Directors — Ballots — Form

RCW 28A.320.020 Liability for debts and judgments

RCW 28A.343.360 Directors — Oath of Office

RCW 29A.20.030 Local officers, beginning of terms — Organization of district boards of directors

RCW 29A.20.040 Local elected officials, commencement of term of office — Purpose

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