



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board-Superintendent Relations and Board-Staff Communications

The successful operation of schools requires a close, effective working relationship between the board and the superintendent. The relationship must be one of trust, good will and candor. As the legally designated governing body, the board retains final authority within the district. The superintendent is the board's professional advisor to whom the board delegates executive responsibility.

The board shall exercise those powers that are expressly required by law, those implied by law and those essential to the purposes and goals of the district. To this end, the board shall delegate to the superintendent such powers as may be required to manage the district in a manner consistent with board policy and state and federal law.

In order to perform their responsibilities, board members must be familiar with the operations within the schools. The superintendent shall establish communication procedures which can enhance the board member's understanding of student programs and school operations.

The superintendent, as executive officer of the board, shall be responsible for the administration of the schools under applicable laws, policies of the board and the authority vested in the position. The board shall delineate the duties of the superintendent and shall use them as the basis for evaluating his/her performance.

The superintendent shall supervise all phases of district operations. The superintendent may delegate to other staff the exercise of any powers and the discharge of any duties imposed upon the superintendent by this authority or by vote of the board. The delegation of power or duty shall not relieve the superintendent of responsibility for the action taken under such delegation.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.320.010	Corporate powers
	28A.400.010	Employment of superintendent- Superintendent's qualifications, general powers, term, contract renewal
	28A.400.030	Superintendent's duties
	28A.59.180	Additional powers of board

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