

| <i>Policy</i> | <i>Title</i> SCHOOL ATTORNEY | <i>Code</i> BDG |
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The School Committee may use the services provided by the town counsel. The Committee and the superintendent may seek legal services to counsel and represent the school system at various times.

However, because the complexity of school department operations often requires specialized legal services, the Committee may also retain an attorney or law firm to provide additional legal services.

It will be the duty of the counsel for the Committee to advise the School Committee and the superintendent on the specific legal problems submitted to him/her. He/She will attend meetings upon request and will be sufficiently familiar with Committee policies, practices and actions under these policies, and with requirements of the school law to be able to offer the necessary legal advice.

Many types of legal assistance are routine and do not require specific Committee approval or prior notice. However, when the Superintendent concludes that unusual types or amounts of professional legal service may be required, the superintendent will advise the Committee and seek either initial or continuing authorization for such service.

Access to legal counsel by individual members is allowed only with prior approval of the Committee.

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