

KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

Acting on behalf of the people of each community, the school board will fulfill the following functions:

- Vision:** The board, with participation by the community, shall envision the future of the school district's educational program and formulate goals, define outcomes and set the course for the school district. This will be done within the context of racial, ethnic and religious diversity and with a commitment to education excellence and equity for all students.
- Structure:** To achieve the vision, the board will establish a structure which reflects local circumstances and creates an environment designed to ensure all students the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework. This includes employing a superintendent, developing and approving policies, formulating budgets, setting high instructional and learning goals for staff and students, and nurturing a climate conducive to continuous improvement.
- Accountability:** The board's accountability to the community will include adopting a system of continuous assessment of all conditions affecting education, including assessments for measuring staff and student progress towards goals. The public will be kept informed about programs and progress. Staff and board training will be provided to ensure continuous improvement of student achievement.
- Advocacy:** The board shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and their schools. The board shall work to advance the community's vision for its schools, pursue the district's goals, encourage progress and energize systemic change and ensure that students are treated as whole persons in a diversified society.

Cross References:	Board Policy 0100	Commitment to Strategic Planning
	Board Policy 0300	Planning Process
	Board Policy 0700	Strategic Plan Evaluation
	Board Policy 1310	Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures
	Board Policy 1810	Annual Goals and Objectives
	Board Policy 1820	Evaluation of the Board

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DIRECTOR DISTRICTS

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish the boundaries of the internal director districts of the school district, and to redistrict the director districts as necessary.

The Board of Directors, with the assistance of the administration, the ESD and the State Redistricting Commission, shall develop a plan of proposed director districts within eight months of any of the following events:

1. Receipt of federal decennial census data;
2. Consolidation of the district with one or more other districts;
3. Transfer of territory to or from the district;
4. Annexation of territory to or from the district; or
5. Approval by a majority of the district's voters of a proposal to divide the district into director districts.

Legal References: RCW 29A.76.010

Redistricting by counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts

28A.343.030

Directors' districts in certain school districts
— Election to authorize division in school districts not already divided into director districts

28A.343.040

Division or redivision of district into director districts

28A.343.050

Dissolution of directors' districts

28A.315.195

Transfer of territory by petition –
Requirements — Rules — Costs

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