

## **Special Education District Organization**

### **District Legal Status**

The Illinois Constitution requires the State to provide for an efficient system of high-quality public educational institutions and services in order to achieve the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capabilities.

The General Assembly has implemented this constitutional mandate through the creation of joint agreements of various types for the purpose of providing special education services to children with disabilities. The Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) is governed by such mandates.

Special education programs and/or services shall be developed in accordance with The Rules and Regulations to Govern the Administration and Operation of Special Education as promulgated under the constitutional authority of the State of Illinois and the Office of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Consistent with the School Code, the Special Education District of Lake County is an administrative and legal entity and has designated a Governing Board composed of one member of the School Board of each Member District and designated by such boards to act in accordance with the Joint Agreement.

The Governing Board constitutes a body corporate that possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, and in that name may sue and be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate, and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law.

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. X, Sec. 1.  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.31  
105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 2:10 (School District Governance), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board)

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