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Corporate Entity Legal Status

The Board of Directors of the Federal Way School District is the corporate entity established by the state of Washington to plan and direct all aspects of the district's operations to the end that students shall have ample opportunity to achieve their individual and collective learning needs.

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

Organization

The corporate name of this school district is Federal Way School District No. 210, King 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 knowledge and skills to become effective residents, the Board shall 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 (RCW 28A), attorney general's opinions, and regulations of the State Board of Education (WAC 180) and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (WAC 392) delineate the legal powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Board.

Number of Members and Terms of Office

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

Newly elected directors shall 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 shall take and subscribe to an oath of office.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.315.450	Directors-Elections--Terms--Numbers
	RCW 28A.315.470	Directors-Declaration of Candidacy
	RCW 28A.315.480	Directors-Ballots--Form
	RCW 28A.343.360	Directors-Oath of Office
	RCW 29.13.050	Commencement of Terms of Officers- Organization of District Board of Directors

Cross References	WSSDA Board Policy 1111 Oath of Office
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