

**IASB POLICY REFERENCE MANUAL
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School District Organization

School 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 mandate through the creation of school districts. The District is governed by the laws for school districts serving a resident population of not fewer than 1,000 and not more than 500,000.

The School 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 5/10-1 et seq.

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

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Pearl City School District Legal Status

The legal basis for education in the Pearl City School District is found in the Constitution of the State of Illinois, Article X. Such Article states that the State, in pursuing the fundamental goal of the people in Illinois to provide for the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities, shall provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and service.

The Pearl City District, governed by an elected Board of Education is further defined and limited by Chapter 122 of the Illinois Statutes, the School Code of Illinois, hereafter referred to as the School Code.

The citizens of an area including Community High School District 301, formed in 1938, and the surrounding non-high school territory voted to establish a Community Unit District in 1949. The official name of the school district is: Pearl City Community Unit School District 200.

The actual area of the district, which lies mostly in Stephenson County but partially in Carroll County and Jo Daviess County, is 91.3 square miles.

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District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

The District is organized and operates as follows:

Pearl City Community Unit District #200

The District enters into and participates in joint programs and intergovernmental agreements with units of local government and other school districts in order to jointly provide services and activities in a manner that will increase flexibility, scope of service opportunities, cost reductions, and/or otherwise benefit the District and the community. The Superintendent shall manage these activities to the extent the program or agreement requires the District's participation, and shall provide periodic implementation or operational data and/or reports to the School Board concerning these programs and agreements. The District participates in the following joint programs and intergovernmental agreements:

NORTHWEST SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT 308

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 10.
5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.

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School District Philosophy

The School District, in an active partnership with parents and community, will promote excellence in a caring environment in which all students learn and grow. This partnership shall empower all students to develop a strong self-esteem and to become responsible learners and decision-makers. The School District is committed to developing and using a visionary and innovative curriculum, a knowledgeable and dedicated staff, and sound fiscal and management practices.

CROSS REF: 2:10 (School District Governance), 3:10 (Goals and Objectives), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives)