

<b>Timberlane Regional School District</b>	<b>Policy Code: AA</b>
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## SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

The legal basis for education is vested in the will of the people as expressed in the Constitution of New Hampshire, the statutes\* pertaining to education, court interpretation of these laws and the powers implied in them, and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education

In New Hampshire, school districts are political subdivisions of the state and as such are considered municipal corporations.

Board policies are established by the Board, which serves as an agent of the school district. Funds for school operating expenses are approved by a majority of qualified voters voting by official ballot. As an SB2 district, bond issues require a three-fifths vote (60%).

The administration of the schools is under the executive direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who works under the local School Board policies in addition to S.A.U. policies, state statutes, and State Board of Education policies, rules and regulations.

**Statutory/Case Law References:**

- New Hampshire Constitution, Pt. 2 Article 83*
- Claremont School District vs. Governor, 138 NH 183 (1993)*
- RSA Chapter 33, Municipal Finance Act*
- RSA 194:2, School Districts to be Corporations*
- RSA 195:6, Powers and Duties of Cooperative School Districts*
- RSA 197:1, Annual School District Meetings*
- RSA 40:13, Use of Official Ballot*
- Clough v. Osgood 37 NH 444 (1935)*
- \* The majority of state laws on education are in RSA Chapters 186 through 200H.*