

## ROLE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Descriptor Code: ABB

The Board will be guided by the general mandatory powers and duties of the Board as defined through statute<sup>1</sup> which state or imply that a local Board of Education has full power to operate the local public schools as it deems fit in compliance with state and federal mandates. The Board functions only when in session.

The Board sees these as its required functions:

1. **Policy Oversight:**<sup>2</sup> The Board will develop policy and employ a chief school administrator who shall carry out its policies through the development and implementation of administrative procedures. The Board will evaluate the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation. This includes setting and evaluating goals in educational and financial areas.
2. **Educational Planning:**<sup>3</sup> The Board will require reliable information from responsible sources which enable it and the staff to work toward the continuous improvement of the educational program.
3. **Provision of Financial Resources:**<sup>4</sup> The Board will adopt a budget to provide the necessary funding in terms of buildings, staff, materials and equipment to enable the school system to carry out its functions.
4. **Interpretation:** The Board will keep the local community informed about the school and keep itself informed about the wishes of the public. The Board will build public support for the schools by involving the public in the planning process.

The Board will provide, within the financial limitations set by the community, the best educational opportunities possible for all children.

The Board shall exercise its powers through the legislation of policies for the organization and operation of the school district. The Board will delegate the administration of the schools to the Director of Schools.

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Legal References:

1. TCA 49-2-203
2. TCA 49-2-207
3. TCA 49-1-302(a) (3); TRR/MS 0520-2-1.01
4. TCA 49-2-203(a) (1)

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Cross References:

Policy Development & Adoptions 1.600  
Administrative Procedures 1.601  
School District Goals & Objectives 1.700  
Annual Operating Budget 2.200

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