

**COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 117  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 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 Board of Education 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 Board of Education; Indemnification)

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## **School District Organization**

### **District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements**

The District is organized and operates as a High School District serving the needs of children in grades 9 through 12 and others as required by the School Code.

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 Board of Education concerning these programs and agreements.

The District participates in the following joint programs and intergovernmental agreements:

*Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL)*

*Lake County Technology Campus*

*Allendale Association*

*Gateway Foundation*

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

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## **School District Organization**

### **School District Philosophy**

#### Mission Statement

Community High School District 117, being a community of learners with a vision of excellence, is committed to providing an educational experience that encourages all learners to develop to their fullest potential, to engage in lifelong learning, and to be responsible members of society.

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

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