

LAKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 306
BOARD POLICY # 1100

1000 SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONS

1100 School District Legal Status

The local school districts are created by the legislature to execute the educational policy as defined in the constitution and by the state laws passed by succeeding legislative sessions. As a result, the service of public education is a state-governmental function. The Constitution of Washington makes the legislature responsible by stating:

Section 1 It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provisions for the education of all children residing within its borders, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or handicap.

Section 2 The legislature shall provide for a general and uniform system of public schools. The public school system shall include common schools, and such high schools, normal schools, technical schools as may hereafter be established.

Section 3 All schools maintained or supported wholly or in part by the public funds shall be forever free from sectarian control or influence.

School District a Corporate Body

A school district is the territory under the jurisdiction of a single governing board which is designated as the board of directors. A school district constitutes a body corporate which 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. The state has granted to the people the power to form school districts, elect boards of directors, who under the law are empowered to operate the public schools.

Type of School District

Lakewood School district No. 306 is classified as a first-class school district and is operated in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to that class of school.

Reference:

RCW 28A.320.010 Corporate Powers
RCW 28A.330.010-110
RCW 28A.343.600-670