

## **SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS**

State law provides that public schools will be operated and maintained by the local school board. School boards are required to carry out state laws pertaining to public education as agents of the state.

The school board is an instrument of the New Hampshire Legislature and derives its authority from the New Hampshire Constitution, New Hampshire Statutes, and rules of the State Board of Education.

### **Legal References:**

RSA 189:1-a, *Duty to Provide Education*

RSA 194:1-3, *School Districts; General Powers and Duties*

RSA 195.5, *School Boards, Powers and Duties*

RSA 197, *School Meetings and Officers*

RSA 186:5, *The State School Organization; Powers*

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 303, *Duties of School Boards*

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