

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 328
SCHOOL BOARD 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 having a population of not fewer than 1,000 and not more than 500,000.

The School Board 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 School Board)

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District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

The District is organized and operates as a Unit District serving the needs of children in grades kindergarten 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 School Board concerning these programs and agreements. The District participates in the following joint programs and intergovernmental agreements:

*West Central Illinois Special Education Cooperative
Warsaw CUSD 316 - Sports Cooperative
Nauvoo-Colusa CUSD 325 - Sports Cooperative
Western Area Career System
Carl Sandburg College*

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

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School District Philosophy

In partnership with parents, students and the community, Hamilton District 328 intends to provide the best education and extra curricular activities in the tri-state area with special emphasis on best educational practices and the application of technology.

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

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