

## Raymond School District Policy AA

### SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

The legal basis for education is vested in the will of the people as expressed in the Constitution of New Hampshire, the statutes\* pertaining to education, court interpretation of these laws, the powers implied in them, and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

In New Hampshire, school districts are political subdivisions of the State and, as such, are considered municipal corporations.

School District policies are established by the School Board, which serves as an agent of the District. Funds for school operating expenses are approved by a majority of qualified voters except that, under RSA 40:13, bond issues require a 60% vote. The administration of the schools is under the executive direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who works under School District policies in addition to State Board of Education rules and State law.

#### Statutory/Case Law Reference:

*New Hampshire Constitution, Pt. 2 Article 83*

*Claremont School District vs. Governor, 138 NH 183 (1993)*

*Clough vs. Osgood, 37 NH 444 (1935)*

*RSA 197:1*

*RSA Chapter 33*

*RSA 194:2*

*RSA 195:6*

*RSA 40:13*

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\*The majority of State laws on education are in RSA Chapters 186 through 200H.