

SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The Constitution of Colorado assigns to locally elected Boards of Education control of instruction in the public schools of their respective districts. As charged by the constitution, the General Assembly has provided for the organization of school districts, including the composition of district boards and the election of school directors.

Legally, then, local school boards are political subdivisions of the state and derive their power from the state constitution and acts of the General Assembly. They also have responsibilities to the local citizenry they serve and by whom they are elected.

Legal Status

The Legal name of the school district is Colorado Springs School District 11 in the County of El Paso, in the State of Colorado. It is a corporate body under the laws of the State of Colorado. The District is organized as a first class district and is governed by the laws of the State of Colorado relating to such districts and by the policies adopted by the Board of Education in pursuance to such state laws, and in accordance with instructions of the State Commissioner of Education.

In no event will such policies and procedures by, or be construed to have been, adopted by reference to legislative or judicial pronouncements or to statements contained in applications for membership or policy positions of organizations in which the school district has been, is, or will become a member.

Governance

Colorado Springs School District 11 will be governed by a Board of Education consisting of seven directors elected at large from within district boundaries. The Board of Education will possess powers delegated and required by law. The Board of Education will also be governed by both written bylaws and policies consistent with the directions and regulations of the State Board of Education.

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LEGAL REFS.: Constitution of Colorado, Article IX, Sections 2, 15
C.R.S. 22-31-105

CROSS REFS.: AA, School District Legal Status
BBA, Board Powers and Responsibilities
BBBG, Board Elections