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## BOARD OF EDUCATION POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education is committed to the belief that the responsibilities and duties outlined in this policy are its priority and will strive to remain in alignment with current Board of Education goals by using accepted methods of continuous quality improvement.

Powers and mandatory duties of the Board of Education are defined in state statutes.

This Board of Education considers that its most important functions fall into the following categories:

1. **Legislative or policymaking.** The Board of Education is responsible for the development of policy and for the employment of a Superintendent who will carry out its policy through the development and implementation of regulations.
2. **Educational planning and appraisal.** The Board of Education is responsible for acquiring reliable information from responsible sources, which will enable it to make the best possible decisions about the scope and nature of the educational program. The Board of Education is responsible for requiring appraisal of the results of the educational program.
3. **Staffing and appraisal.** The Board of Education is responsible for employing the staff necessary for carrying out the instructional program and establishing salaries and salary schedules and other terms and conditions of employment, as well as for personnel policies district wide in application. The Board of Education is responsible for appraising the effectiveness of its staff by providing for regular evaluation.
4. **Financial resources.** The Board of Education is responsible for adopting a budget that will provide the financial basis for buildings, staff, materials and equipment, which will enable the district to carry out the educational program. The Board of Education is responsible for exercising control over the finances of the district to insure proper use of, and accounting for, all District funds.
5. **School facilities.** The Board of Education is responsible for determining school housing needs, for communicating these needs to the community, for purchasing sites, and for approving building plans that will support and enhance the educational program.
6. **Communication with the public.** The Board of Education is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local citizenry informed about the schools and for keeping itself informed about the wishes of the public.
7. **Judicial.** The Board of Education is responsible for acting as a court of appeal for school staff members, students and the public when issues involve Board of Education policies and their fair implementation.
8. **Safe Schools.** The Board of Education is responsible for working in consultation with the District Advisory Accountability Committee, parents, teachers, administrators, students, student councils where available, and, where appropriate, the community at large, to adopt and implement a safe school plan, or review, if necessary, any existing plans or policies already in effect.
9. **Accreditation.** The Board of Education is responsible for the District's compliance with the Accreditation contract with the State Board of Education.

The Board of Education may exercise the above powers and duties only when convened in a legally constituted meeting.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-9-101 *et seq.*  
C.R.S. 22-32-109  
C.R.S. 22-32-110  
C.C.R. 301-1  
S.B 186 and S.B. 98  
No Child Left Behind Act 2001