

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 and the powers implied in them.

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 Berlin Board of Education, which serves as an agent of the school district. Funds for school operating expenses and capitol expenses are approved by the city council.

*The majority of state laws on education are in RSA Chapters 186 through 200H

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