

# Series 200 – School/Board of Directors

Policy Title: **General Powers and Duties**

Policy Code No. 200.3

Through careful examination and study of facts and conditions the Board shall make rules for its own government and that of the employees and students, and for the care of school buildings, grounds and property of the school corporation. It shall aid in the enforcement of these rules and require the performance of duties of said persons imposed by the law and the rules. The board is authorized to govern the school district which it oversees. As a governing board of the school district, the board has three duties to perform: legislative duty, executive duty, and evaluative duty.

Legislative - The Board represents the people of the district and shall function as a policy-making body. The Board has complete jurisdiction over the school district and its employees.

Executive - The Board selects an executive officer, the superintendent of schools, and delegates to him/her the authority for carrying out the policies, plans, and administrative details necessary to ensure that all initiatives formulated by the Board are made effective in the operation of the schools.

Evaluation - Evaluation is that function which attempts, through careful examination and study of facts and conditions, to determine the efficiency of the operation of the schools, not only in dollars and cents, but in desirable values as the result of instruction based on a sound philosophy of education.

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