

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

The United States Constitution leaves to the individual states responsibility for public education.

In South Dakota, the legislature is charged by the Constitution "to establish and maintain a general and uniform system of public schools" which is open to all children and free from sectarian control.

The State Board of Education is responsible for the adoption of all policies for the government of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, and for the adoption and implementation of regulations for supervising the elementary and secondary schools.

School districts exist for the purpose of operating a school or schools to provide the people of each local community adequate opportunity to avail themselves of a free public elementary and secondary education program.

Every school in this district shall constitute a school corporation under the name of "West Central School District, No. 49-7 of Minnehaha County, South Dakota."

Legal References:

United States Constitution, Tenth Amendment; Constitution of the State of South Dakota, Art. VIII, sec. I; Art. XXII; Art. XXVI, sec. 18; SDCL 3-6-2; 13-5-1; 13-5-2; 13-5-14 to 13-5-29; 13-6-1 et seq.

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