

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 students and free from sectarian control. The state constitution also calls for a State Board of Education and the Secretary of the Department of Education, who is the executive officer of the state board.

The Constitution outlines the responsibilities of the Secretary of the SD Department of Education and the state board. 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.

Every school district shall constitute a school corporation under the name of " _____ " School District, No. __ of _____ county, South Dakota."

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