



**SECTION: LOCAL BOARD
PROCEDURES AND GOALS**

POLICY: 002

TITLE: AUTHORITY AND POWERS

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MOST RECENT REVISION: July 20,
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COMMITTEE:**

I. PURPOSE

II. DEFINITIONS

None.

III. POLICY

A. Authority

The authority to establish, equip, furnish, operate, and maintain the public schools of the Wissahickon School District is vested in the Board of School Directors, which is a body corporate and which is constituted and governed by Title 24 of the Pennsylvania statutes, the Public School Code of 1949 as amended, Article III of the Pennsylvania Constitution, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

B. Powers

The Board shall establish such schools as are required for the education of every student between the ages of six (6) and twenty-one (21) years of age residing in the Wissahickon School District who may attend such schools; shall equip, furnish, operate, and maintain such schools; shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the management of school affairs and the conduct and deportment of employees and students; and shall levy and collect taxes as may be necessary, in addition to the annual state appropriation, for the exercise of aforesaid powers.

The Board, in accordance with its statutory mandate, shall adopt procedures for its own operation and policies for the guidance of the Superintendent in the operation of the school district. Such procedures and policies shall be consistent with law, have a rational and substantial relationship to a legitimate purpose of the board, and be directed towards the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education in this district.

The Board shall act as the general agent of the residents of this district in the matter of public education. It shall establish educational goals and academic standards for the students of this district and establish a program of education designed to meet those goals and standards. The Board shall be responsible for establishing, maintaining, and evaluating the district's educational programs, in accordance with law, and for enforcing mandatory laws and regulations.

The powers of the Board of School Directors are vested in the body corporate and except in certain prescribed areas, e.g. the duties of a President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or at the specific direction of the Board, individual board members are not empowered to act individually on Board business.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

None.

V. REFERENCES

24 P.S. §§ 2-201, 2-211

24 P.S. § 3-301

24 P.S. §§ 4-406, 4-407, 4-426, 4-427

24 P.S. §§ 5-501, 5-502, 5-503, 5-507, 5-508, 5-510, 5-511

24 P.S. §§ 8-801, 8-803

24 P.S. § 11-1141

24 P.S. §§ 13-1301, 13-1302

PA Constitution, Article III, Sec. 14