

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

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

The constitution of the state of Wisconsin provides for the establishment of free district schools "... which shall be as nearly uniform as practicable" and sets up the basis for school organization and reorganization. The state legislature is given the power to create, dissolve, alter and consolidate school districts.

The state constitution further provides for a state department of public instruction, under the supervision of a state superintendent of public instruction, to provide leadership and services to local school districts.

The School District of Jefferson is classified as a unified school district. It is comprised of the city of Jefferson, the village of Sullivan and portions of the towns of Aztalan, Hebron, Sullivan, Oakland, Jefferson, Concord and Farmington.

The district is under the management and control of a locally elected board of education that acts as an agent of the state and governs the public schools in accordance with state and federal law.

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115.01(5)
Subchapter II, Chapter 120
Wisconsin Constitution: Article X, Section 3

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