

School Board Powers and Duties

The board shall concern itself primarily with broad questions of policy rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the superintendent and district staff and who shall be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire school system.

The board, functioning within the framework of laws, court decisions, attorney general's opinions, State Department of Education regulations and similar mandates from the state and national levels of government, and recognizing the authority of the state, fulfills its mission as the governing body of a political subdivision by acting as follows in the execution of its duties:

1. Enacts policy
2. Adopts courses of study and provides instructional aides
3. Employs all staff members.
4. Approves the budget, financial reports, audits, major expenditures, payment of obligations and policies whereby the administration may formulate procedures, regulations, and other guides for the orderly accomplishment of business.
5. Estimates and seeks to provide funds for the operation, support, maintenance, improvement and extension of the school system.
6. Provides for the planning, expansion, improvement, financing, construction, maintenance, use and disposition of physical plants of the school system.
7. Prescribes the minimum standards needed for the efficient operation and improvements of the school system.
8. Evaluates the educational program to determine the effectiveness with which the schools are achieving the educational purpose of the school system.
9. Requires the establishment and maintenance of records, accounts, archives, management methods and procedures considered essential to the efficient conduct of school business.
10. Provides for the dissemination of information relating to the schools necessary for creating a well-informed public.

The Board of Trustees of Madison School District #321 will develop annually a set of goals and objectives for the district, addressing the areas of curriculum, finance, physical facilities, administration and instruction, for accomplishment in the following calendar year. These goals and objectives will be developed with due consideration given to the concerns of patrons, teachers and administration.

Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-313	Trustee Zones
	I.C. § 33-501	Board of Trustees
	I.C. § 67-2341	Open Public Meetings – Definitions
	I.C. 33-512	Governance of Schools

Policy History:

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