

# SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

### Statement of Purpose

This policy articulates the legal status of the Sanborn Regional School District.

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The Constitution of New Hampshire requires the General Court to promote knowledge and learning by a system of schools, wherein all children of the state may receive a good common school education. The General Court has implemented this constitutional mandate through the creation of school districts of various types.

In New Hampshire, School Districts are political subdivisions of the State and, as such, are considered municipal corporations.

The Sanborn Regional School District, established in 1965 as a co-operative school district by the pre-existing districts of Kingston and Newton, assumed operational responsibility as of July 1, 1966. This combination of school districts is governed by the Articles of Agreement between Kingston and Newton, the laws set forth for co-operative school districts in Chapter 195 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and legislation relating to school districts as defined in other sections of the Revised Statutes Annotated.

District policies are established by the Board, which serves as an agent of the District. SAU 17 is an SB2 District, therefore, funds for school operating expenses are approved by voters as part of the annual local elections. Bond issues require a 60% vote.

The school district constitutes a body corporate which possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes and in that name may sue and be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate, and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law.

Related Policy: AA-E

### Statutory/Case Law References

*New Hampshire Constitution, Pt. 2 Article 83*  
*Claremont School District vs. Governor, 138 NH 183 (1993)*  
*RSA Chapter 33, Municipal Finance Act*  
*RSA 194:2, School Districts to be Corporations*  
*RSA 195:6, Powers and Duties of Cooperative School Districts*  
*RSA 197:1, Annual School District Meetings*  
*RSA 40:13, Use of Official Ballot*  
*Clough v. Osgood 37 NH 444 (1935)*

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