

**BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY MANUAL  
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## **School District Organization**

### **School District Legal Status**

The Illinois Constitution requires the State to provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services in order to achieve the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capabilities.

The Board of Education of Westchester Public Schools, District 92½, Cook County, Illinois constitutes a body politic and corporate that possesses those powers prescribed by law (i.e. The School Code and other applicable state and federal laws and regulations), 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.

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. X, Sec. 1.  
105 ILCS 5/10-2, 105 ILCS 5/1-3

CROSS REF.: 2:10, 2:20

ADOPTED: September 17, 1998

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REVIEWED: June 23, 2016

## **School District Organization**

### **District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements**

The District is organized and operates as an Elementary District serving the needs of children in grades prekindergarten/early childhood to 8 and others as required by The School Code.

The District enters into and participates in joint programs and intergovernmental agreements with units of local government and other school districts in order to jointly provide services and activities in a manner that will increase flexibility, scope of service opportunities, cost reductions, and/or otherwise benefit the District and the community. The Superintendent shall manage these activities to the extent the program or agreement requires the District's participation, and shall provide periodic implementation or operational data and/or reports to the School Board concerning these programs and agreements. The District participates in the following joint programs and intergovernmental agreements:

*LaGrange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE)*

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## **School District Organization**

### **Our Mission**

Prepare and empower students to be successful in life.

### **Our Vision**

Westchester District 92½ will ensure students are supported in a safe and secure environment with engaging opportunities to:

- Show pride, confidence, ownership, engagement, and self-advocacy;
- Be creative, critical thinkers and problem solvers;
- Use technology to expand learning opportunities beyond the classroom;
- Experience an array of innovative, rigorous programs and services, and high impact instructional strategies to meet their interests and needs; and
- Grow in knowledge, skills and dispositions to achieve high school, college, career, and life success.

### **Our Motto**

Learners today, Leaders tomorrow

CROSS REF: 2:10, 3:10, 6:10

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