

LEGAL STATUS AND ORGANIZATION

The board of directors of the Riverview School District is the corporate entity established by the state of Washington to plan and direct all aspects of the district's operations to the end that students will have opportunity to achieve their individual and collective learning needs.

The corporate name of this school district is Riverview School District No. 407, King County, State of Washington. The district is classified as a first-class district and is operated in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to first-class districts.

In order to achieve its primary goal of providing each child with the necessary skills and attitudes, commensurate with his/her ability, to become effective citizens, the board will exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws of the state. Its legal powers, duties and responsibilities are derived from state statute and regulation. Sources such as the school code (Title 28A RCW), attorney general's opinions and regulations of the state board of education (Title 180 WAC), and the state superintendent of public instruction (Title 392 WAC) delineate the legal powers, duties and responsibilities of the board.

The board may develop district policies that are not expressly or by implication authorized by state or federal law, but which will promote the education of kindergarten through twelfth grade students or will promote the effective, efficient or safe management and operation of the district.

Number of Members and Terms of Office

The Board will consist of five members, elected by ballot by the registered voters of the district. Except as otherwise provided by law, board members will hold office for a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of board members will be staggered as provided by law.

Newly-elected directors will take office as soon as the election results have been certified by the county auditor and the newly-elected director has taken and subscribed to an oath of office.

Board Member Residency

All members of the board are elected by and represent the district as a whole. However, each member will be a resident and registered voter in the specific director district for which they are seeking election. The boundaries of the director districts are described in the procedures. If a director's director area boundaries are redrawn during his/her term of office, the director may serve out the term he/she was elected to.

A school director must remain a resident of the school district to be eligible to continue to serve as a school board member. If a director's residence changes to a place outside the district, the director must resign and his/her eligibility to serve ends with the change of residence.

If a director's residence changes to a place outside the director area, but within the district, the director may continue to serve on the school board until the next regular school district election (the fall of odd numbered years), at which time an election will be held to fill the board position for the director area in which the director no longer resides. If the change of residence occurs after the filing period for the regular school district election, but before the election, and the director is in the first two years of his/her term, he/she may continue to serve from a residence outside the director area, but within the district, until the end of the term he/she was elected to.

Board Member Resignation

Upon receipt of a director's written resignation, the board will discuss the resignation at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The board will then acknowledge and announce the resignation.

The resignation will be effective immediately unless otherwise stated. If a future date is stated, the resignation may be withdrawn any time prior to the effective date.

Cross References:	Procedure	P1000-1 P1000-1A P1000-2 P1000-4	Director Districts Director Boundaries Director Election and Orientation Policy Adoption, Manuals, and Administrative Procedures
Legal References:	RCW	28A.150.230 28A.315.035 28A.320.010 28A.320.020 28A.320.040 28A.343.300 28A.343.320 28A.343.330 28A.343.340 28A.343.360 29A.04.151 29A.20.030	Basic Education Act –District school directors' responsibilities Organization of school districts Corporate Powers Liability for debts and judgments Bylaws for board and school government Director-Terms-Number Declaration of Candidacy Ballots-Form When elected-Eligibility Oath of Office Residence Local officers, beginning of terms- Organization of district boards of Directors

Legal References, Cont.

29A.20.040	Local elected officials, commencement of term and office
29A.76.010	Redistricting by counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts
42.12.010	Causes of Vacancy
AGO 1975 No. 8	Vacancy upon voluntary change of Residence out of director district

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