

SCHOOL COMMITTEE POWERS AND DUTIES

The School Committee has all the powers conferred upon it by the General Laws and must perform those duties mandated by the State. These include the responsibility and right to determine policies and practices and to employ a staff to implement its directions for the proper education of the children of the community.

The Committee takes a broad view of its functions. It sees them as:

1. Legislative or policymaking. The Committee is responsible for the development of policy as guides for administrative action and for employing a Superintendent who will implement its policies.
2. Appraisal. The Committee is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.
3. Provision of financial resources. The Committee is responsible for adoption of a budget that will enable the school system to carry out the Committee's policies.
4. Public relations. The Committee is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local citizenry informed about the schools and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the needs and wishes of the public.
5. Educational planning and evaluation. The Committee is responsible for establishing educational goals and policies as well as overall strategic planning that will guide the Committee and staff for the administration and continuing improvement of the educational programs provided by the District.

Personnel Matters

The Committee shall appoint the Superintendent.

The Committee shall, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Assistant/Associate/Deputy Superintendent(s), the School Business Administrator, the Special Education Administrator, the School Physician, School Nurses, and the Supervisor of Attendance. Such positions shall not report directly to the Committee.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [71:37](#) specifically, but powers and duties of school committees are established throughout the General Laws.

CROSS REFS.: BB, School Committee Legal Status
BA, School Committee Operational Goals
BDC, Appointment of the Superintendent