

## School Committee Legal Status

The Westfield School Committee consists of seven members, and is the governing board of the Westfield Public Schools. Although its functions as a duly elected Committee of city government, it owes its existence to the Massachusetts General Laws, which decree that each public school system will be governed by a School Committee.

The Westfield School Committee possesses all powers and duties conferred upon it by state law. Certain legislative powers are also granted to the committee by the city charter and code. The Committee alone may determine policies and practices and employ a staff to implement its direction for the proper education of the children of the City of Westfield.

Established by law

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS. : M.G.L. 41:1 and 71:37 specifically, but powers duties of School Committees are established throughout the General Laws of Massachusetts Relating to School Committees

CROSS REF.: AA, School District Legal Status

BBA School Committee Powers & Duties

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2<sup>nd</sup>/Final reading: March 2, 2015 meeting