

# **School Board Policy Manual**

**Union School District #81**

**Will County**

**UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #81  
SCHOOL BOARD 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 General Assembly has implemented this mandate through the creation of school districts. The District is governed by the laws for school districts serving a resident population of not fewer than 1,000 and not more than 500,000.

The School Board constitutes a body corporate that 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.

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

CROSS REF.: 2:10 (School District Governance), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board)

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

The District is organized and operates as an Elementary District serving the needs of children in grades Kindergarten through 8 and others as required by The School Code. In cooperation with other member districts of Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education, the District provides a pre-kindergarten program for eligible students.

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:

*Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education (SOWIC)  
Joliet Township High School District 204*

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 10.  
5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.

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### **School District Philosophy**

#### Mission Statement

Union Elementary School in partnership with the community, will educate children in a positive and caring environment enabling all students to participate effectively in a changing world.

#### Value and Belief Statements:

- All students can learn.
- Respect for one's self and others.
- Student performance is tied directly to teacher and parent expectations.
  - ✓ High expectations will yield high student performance.
  - ✓ High expectations will build student self-worth and esteem.
- Students learn best in a safe and caring environment.
  - ✓ An environment with explicit standards for behavior where discipline, when required, is administered quickly and fairly.
  - ✓ Neat, attractive, and well-maintained physical environment serves the educational programs and community needs best.
- All students benefit from positive two-way (home-school) communication.
  - ✓ School is a community effort.
  - ✓ Parental involvement in the life of our students is essential to our school.
  - ✓ Community/business support of and involvement in the life of our students and our school is encouraged.
- Quality teachers are the key to quality schools.

The Union Public School is committed to preparing students to understand the significance of being able to thrive in a constantly changing world.

CROSS REF: 2:10 (School District Governance), 3:10 (Goals and Objectives), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives)

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