

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

The Constitution of the State of South Dakota (Article 8, Section 1) charges the Legislature, "to establish and maintain a general and uniform system of public schools wherein tuition shall be without charge and equally open to all."

The state constitution further provides for a Department of Education under the supervision of a department secretary, to provide leadership and services to local school districts.

The Rapid City Area School District No. 51-4 of Pennington County is under the management and control of a locally elected school board which acts as an agent of the state and governs the public schools in accordance with state law.

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Legal References:

SDCL 13-5-1 - School districts defined
SDCL 13-5-2 - Types of school districts abolished
SDCL 13-5-14 - School districts overlapping county boundaries
SDCL 13-5-15 - School districts as corporations
SDCL 13-5-16 - Naming and numbering of school districts
SDCL 13-5-17 - Recording of school district names, numbers and boundaries
SDCL 13-5-17.1 - Change of name of school district
SDCL 13-5-29 - Vested contract rights no impaired
SDCL 13-6 - School district reorganization
US Constitution - Tenth Amendment (Powers of the states and people
SD Constitution Article 8-1 - Uniform system of free public schools
SD Constitution Article 26-18 - Freedom of religion