

## **LEGAL STATUS AND OPERATION**

### **Legal Status**

The board of directors of the Entiat 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 ample opportunity to achieve their individual and collective learning needs.

The policies of the board define the organization of the board and the manner of conducting its official business. The board's operating policies are those that the board adopts from time to time to facilitate the performance of its responsibilities.

### **Organization**

The corporate name of this school district is Entiat School District No.127, Chelan County, State of Washington. The district is classified as a second-class district and is operated in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to second-class districts.

In order to achieve its primary goal of providing each child with the necessary skills and attitudes to become an effective citizen, 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.

### **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 terms of four years or until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of board members will be staggered as provided by law. Newly-elected directors will take office at the first official meeting of the board of directors after the election results have been certified by the county auditor. Prior to beginning their term, directors will take and subscribe to an oath of office.

Cross References:	Board Policy 1111	Oath of office
Legal References:	RCW 28A.150.230	Basic Education Act of 1977 – District school director's responsibilities
	RCW 28A 300.065	Classification and numbering system of school districts
	RCW 28A.315.035	Organization of school districts
	RCW 28A.320.010	Corporate Powers
	RCW 28A.320.020	Liability for debts and judgments
	RCW 28A.320.040	Directors – Bylaws for board and school government

Policy No. 1000  
Section 1000 – School Board

RCW 28A.343.300	Director — Elections — Terms — Numbers
RCW 28A.343.320	Directors — Declaration of candidacy
RCW 28A.343.330	Directors — Ballots — Form
RCW 28A.343.360	Directors — Oath of Office
RCW 29A.20.030	Local officers, beginning of terms – Organization of district boards of directors
RCW 29A.20.040	Local elected officials, commencement of term and office

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