

Douglas Education Service District

Code: **BB**
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Orig. Code(s): 1100

Legal Status

The Legislature provides for the creation in each region a district to be known as the education service district to consist of the counties and the area of the common school districts as set forth by statute. The immediate control of education service districts is delegated to locally elected boards of directors.

Federal and state statutes and State Board of Education rules define and outline the general powers and duties of the Board. The Oregon statutes authorize the Board to transact all business within the jurisdiction of the district, assist the State Board of Education in providing state level services, deliver essential support services to school districts and respond to district needs. Oregon Administrative Rules establish further requirements and guidelines for education service districts. The Board's duty is to carry out those statutes and rules that are mandatory e.g., "The Board shall...;" where the laws are permissive, e.g., "The Board may...," the Board is empowered to exercise judgment and discretion.

The DESD is a body corporate and a subdivision of the state of Oregon. The Board is authorized to transact all business within the jurisdiction of the DESD. The Board shall perform all duties required by law. Geographically, DESD is comprised of 13 of the 14 school districts within Douglas County with the exception of Reedsport School District #105.

The regular term of office for Board members will be four years. The terms of office will commence on the first day of July following regular district elections. The term of office for members appointed to fill a vacancy will be until June 30 following the next regular district election. The term of office for members elected to fill a vacancy will be the time remaining in the vacated Board position.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 255.335](#)
[ORS Chapter 334](#)

OR. CONST. art. VIII, § 3.