

Harney Education Service District

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Board Legal Status

The Harney Education Service District Region XVII has been created by the Oregon Legislative Assembly. Its territory follows the boundaries of Harney County and a portion of Malheur County. The ESD is operated by a Board consisting of seven members whose chief duties are to provide these services, and employ a superintendent and such other personnel as may be needed to operate the functions of the ESD.

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 ESD, 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 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 ESD elections. The term of office for members appointed to fill a vacancy will be until June 30 following the next regular ESD 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.