

Lake Oswego School District 7J

Code: **BB**
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Board Legal Status

The Constitution of the state of Oregon charges the Legislature with providing by statute for a uniform and general system of common schools. The Legislature enacts laws to delegate the immediate control of the schools to locally elected boards of directors; thus, the Board is the governing body of the Lake Oswego 7J School District.

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, control the district schools, and educate the children residing in the district. Oregon Administrative Rules establish further requirements and guidelines for 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.

This district will be known as the Lake Oswego 7J School District. Pursuant to the authority granted in ORS 332.760, the Board also serves as the governing body of the Lake Grove Park District. Because all powers of the Board lie in its action as a group, individual Board members exercise authority over district affairs only as votes are taken at a legal meeting of the Board. An individual Board member has power only when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to that member.

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 332.018\(1\)](#)
[ORS 332.030\(4\)](#)
[ORS 332.072](#)
[ORS 332.075](#)
[ORS 332.105](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 335.505](#)

OR. CONST., art. VIII, § 3.