

# Vernonia School District 47J

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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 Vernonia 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 of 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.

The district will be known as the Vernonia School District.

The Board of Directors of Vernonia School District shall be composed of seven members, elected in accordance with Oregon law.

The regular term of office of each individual Board member shall be four years. Each newly elected Board member must take the oath of office before assuming the duties of office. The term of office shall begin 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

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### 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.