

## SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

The legal basis for education is vested in the will of the people as expressed in the Constitution of New Hampshire, the statutes\* pertaining to education, court interpretation of these laws, the powers implied in them, and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

In New Hampshire, school districts are political subdivisions of the State and, as such, are considered municipal corporations.

### **Statutory/Case Law References:**

*New Hampshire Constitution, Pt. 2 Article 83*

*Claremont School District vs. Governor, 138 NH 183 (1993)*

*RSA 197:1*

*RSA Chapter 33*

*RSA 194:2*

*RSA 195:6*

*RSA 197:1, RSA 40:13*

*Clough v. Osgood 37 NH 444 (1935)*

*\*The majority of state laws on education are in RSA Chapters 186 through 200H.*

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**Laconia School District Policy**