

Role of the Board and Members

Powers, Purposes, Duties

The Board of Education of the San Marino Unified School District is the Governing Board of this school district and derives its power from and exists under the California Constitution and Acts of the Legislature of the State of California and the procedures of the California State Board of Education.

The Governing Board has the power and responsibility to discharge any duty imposed by law upon it or upon the district of which it is the Governing Board. (Education Code 35161)

The Governing Board may initiate and carry on any program, activity, or may otherwise act in any manner which is not in conflict with, consistent with, or preempted by any law, and which is not in conflict with the purposes for which school districts are established. (Education Code 35160)

Limits of Authority

The Governing Board is the unit of authority. Apart from the normal function as part of the unit, the Board member has no individual authority individually; the Board member may not commit the district to any policy, act, or expenditure. The Board member cannot do business with the district served, nor should the Board member have an interest in any contact with the school district in general. The Board member does not represent any factional segment of the community, but is rather a part of the body that represents and acts for the community as a whole.

No individual member of the Board, by virtue of holding office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools, nor as an individual command of the services of any school employee.

No members of the Governing Board shall not be asked to perform any routine or clerical duties that may be assigned to an employee, nor shall any Board member become an employee of his/her district while serving on the Governing Board.

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Legal References

Education Code

35160	School District boundaries
5304	Duties of the Governing Board (re: school district elections) agencies
12400-12405	Participation in federal programs
35000	District name
35010	Control of District
35014	Adoption of rules by Governing Board
35100-35351	Governing Boards esp.
35160-35181	Powers and duties
35230-35240	Corrupt practices
35291	Rules
39013	Manner of acquisition; school site on property contiguous to district
39600-39621	Property maintenance and control
35010	Control of District by Board of Trustees or Board of Education
35230-35240	Corrupt practices.

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