

1.01 Legal Status of Board of Education

The Board of Education is a corporate body vested with the management and control of all of the schools of the Franklin Local School District, and its official title shall be “The Board of Education of the Franklin Local School District, Muskingum County, Ohio.”

The responsibility for public education is a function of the state. The Constitution of the State of Ohio makes the establishment of free public schools mandatory and directs the General Assembly to carry out this requirement. The General Assembly has delegated the authority to operate a system of free public schools to local boards of education but, at the same time, retained absolute control over the entire school system of the state. A board of education may exercise only those powers delegated to it by the statutes or such implied or incidental powers as are reasonably necessary to carry out fully the express powers, and cannot, by its own action, make any additions or changes in its powers.

The Board of Education has the dual responsibility of acting within the scope of authority conferred upon it by the General Assembly and on behalf of all of the people of the School District in the performance of its duties.