

Policy AA: School District Legal Status

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SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS / M.A.E.P.

Each school district in the state shall be a political subdivision with the name of the district being Jackson County School District. [SITENAME]. ' 37-6-5

All school districts in the state (countywide, municipal separate, consolidated or line consolidated) shall have the same prerogatives, powers, duties and privileges. ' 37-6-3

The school board of any school district shall have full jurisdiction, power and authority, at any regular meeting thereof or at any special meeting called for that purpose, to abolish such existing district, or to reorganize, change or alter the boundaries of any such district. In addition thereto, with the consent of the school board of the school district involved, may detach territory from such school district and annex same to an adjoining district. ' 37-7-103

NOTE: For legal requirements on district consolidation, please refer to ' 37-7-105.

HOME RULE

The school board of a school district may adopt any orders, resolutions or ordinances with respect to school district affairs, property and finances which are not inconsistent with the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, the Mississippi Code of 1972, or any other statute or law of the State of Mississippi. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the powers granted to the school boards in this section are complete without the existence of or reference to any specific authority granted in any other statute or law of the State of Mississippi. Unless such actions are specifically authorized by another statute or law of the State of Mississippi, this section shall not authorize a school board to: (a) levy taxes of any kind or increase the levy of any authorized tax; (b) issue bonds of any kind; or (c) enter into collective bargaining agreements. ' 37-7-301.1 (2006)

MISSISSIPPI ADEQUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM The Mississippi Adequate Education Program (M.A.E.P) shall be used as the basis for providing State financial support to elementary and secondary schools. Specific sections of the M.A.E.P. may be cited in appropriate district policies to support board policy and decisions.
