

School District Organization

District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

The District is organized and operates as follows: ¹

[INSERT DISTRICT'S ORGANIZATION and OPERATIONS]

The District enters into and participates in joint programs and intergovernmental agreements with units of local government and other school districts in order to jointly provide services and activities in a manner that will increase flexibility, scope of service opportunities, cost reductions, and/or otherwise benefit the District and the community.² The Superintendent shall manage these activities to the extent the program or agreement requires the District's participation, and shall provide periodic implementation or operational data and/or reports to the School Board concerning these programs and agreements. The District participates in the following joint programs and intergovernmental agreements: ³

[INSERT APPLICABLE JOINT PROGRAMS]

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 10.
 5 ILCS 220/, Intergovernmental Cooperation Act.

The footnotes are not intended to be part of the adopted policy; they should be removed before the policy is adopted.

¹ State law controls this policy's content. Whatever school system is established by the State legislature must be free and open to all, without discrimination. Lewis E. v. Spagnolo, 287 Ill.App.3d 822 (3rd. Dist. 1997). Boards may use the following sentence as the first sentence, customizing it as appropriate: "The District is organized and operates as a Unit District serving the educational needs of children in grades Pre-K through 12 and others as required by the School Code."

² Ill. Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 10; 5 ILCS 220/. A number of provisions in the School Code which provide authority for boards to jointly provide programs with other school districts or colleges that meet specified criteria, including: (1) 105 ILCS 5/10-22.20a (vocational and career education); (2) 5/10-22.e (science and math partnership school); (3) 5/10-22.31 (special education), (4) 5/10-22.31a (joint educational programs); (5) 5/10-22.31b (joint building program); (6) 5/10-20.42 (wind and solar farms).

³ In some districts, the joint educational programs and intergovernmental agreements in which they participate change frequently; boards in those districts should omit this sentence and should not list the joint educational programs and intergovernmental agreements. While this list may be limited to only educational programs, some boards may choose to also list insurance co-ops or other similar joint agreements.