

**MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #114  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY MANUAL  
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## **School District Organization**

### **School District Legal Status**

The Illinois Constitution requires the State to provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services in order to achieve the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capabilities.

The General Assembly has implemented this mandate through the creation of school districts. The District is governed by the laws for school districts serving a resident population of not fewer than 1,000 and not more than 500,000.

The Board of Education constitutes a body corporate that possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, and in that name may sue and be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate, and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law.

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. X, Sec. 1.  
105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 2:10 (School District Governance), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education)

ADOPTED: September 14, 2011

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### **District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements**

The District is organized and operates as follows:

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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. 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:

#### ***District 843 Special Education Co-operative***

LEGAL REF.:       Ill.Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 10.  
                      5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.

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### **School District Philosophy**

We believe that the chief purpose of the school is the all-around development of each child as an individual and as a citizen.

We believe that it is our duty to so train pupils, that they may learn to live together peaceably, cooperatively, and efficiently as intelligent individuals in an increasingly complex world.

We believe in a democratically operated school system at all levels. Pupils will learn the democratic way only as they have a chance to share it.

We believe that the school should help to develop in its pupils a strong sense of sound American patriotism together with a full understanding of the liberties and responsibilities which come under citizenship.

We believe that community understanding, interest and cooperation are necessary for the continuing success in any desirable school program.

We believe that good classroom order and a healthy, cooperative working atmosphere are essential to the effective conduct of any class.

CROSS REF: 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives)

ADOPTED: January 14, 2002