

LEGAL STATUS AND OPERATION

Legal Status

The board of directors of the Woodland School District is the corporate entity established by the state of Washington to plan and direct all aspects of the district's operations to ensure quality in the content of the district's educational program and provide students with an opportunity to achieve those skills recognized as requisite to learning.

The policies of the board define the organization of the board and its manner of conducting official business. The board's operating policies are those that the board adopts from time to time to facilitate the performance of its responsibilities.

Organization

The corporate name of this school district is Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark Counties, state of Washington. The district is classified as a first class district and is operated in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to first class districts.

In order to achieve its vision that in partnership with families and the community creating a PreK-12 system that serves and supports all children— and ensures that each child has full access to, is engaged in, and obtains an excellent education that prepares them for responsible citizenship and a future of adaptability and success in life and their chosen endeavors, the board will exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws of the state. Its legal powers, duties and responsibilities are derived from state statute and regulation. Sources such as the school code ([Title 28A RCW](#)), attorney general's opinions, regulations of the State Board of Education ([Title 180 WAC](#)), and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction ([Title 392 WAC](#)) delineate the legal powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board.

Number of Members and Terms of Office

The board will consist of five members, elected by ballot by the registered voters of the district. Except as otherwise provided by law, board members will hold office for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of board members will be staggered as provided by law.

Newly-elected directors will take office at the first official meeting of the board of directors after the election results have been certified by the county auditor. Prior to beginning their term, directors will take and subscribe to an oath of office.

Student Liaison to the Board

One (1) high school student, selected by the ASB officers, current student liaison and advisor in May will officially represent students with the board. The term of office will be June 1 through May 31.

The student representative will be free to participate in all actions and activities of the board except the following:

- A. Voting
- B. Executive Sessions

The student representative shall receive the normal background information provided the other board members as appropriate.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.150.230	District school directors' responsibilities
	RCW 28A.300.065	Classification and numbering system of school districts
	RCW 28A.315.035	Organization of school districts
	RCW 28A.320.010	Corporate powers
	RCW 28A.320.040	Directors — Bylaws for board and school government
	RCW 28A.343.300	Director — Terms — Numbers
	RCW 28A.343.320	Directors — Declarations of candidacy — Positions as separate offices
	RCW 28A.343.330	Directors — Ballots — Form
	RCW 28A.320.020	Liability for debts and judgments
	RCW 28A.343.360	Directors — Oath of Office
	RCW 29A.60.270	Local officers, beginning of terms — Organization of district boards of directors
	RCW 29A.60.280	Local elected officials, commencement of term of office — Purpose