

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

School board member duties are primarily established by state constitutions and statutes, which grant local boards the authority to operate public schools. These elected or appointed officials, acting as a collective legislative body, set policy, approve budgets, and hire the superintendent. While state laws dictate many responsibilities, boards also establish their own local policies and procedures in alignment with those mandates.

Key Aspects of Setting and Executing Duties:

- **State Authority:** The Indiana General Assembly or similar state legislatures define the scope of power, creating mandates regarding curriculum, safety, and governance.
- **Local Governance:** Boards act as a "Team of 10" with the superintendent to set the vision, goals, and standards for the district.
- **Policy vs. Administration:** Boards establish policy, while the superintendent and administrative staff handle daily operations.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Boards approve the budget and set tax rates, often within the constraints of state-approved funding.

Ultimately, school boards are the governing body responsible for ensuring the district meets community standards and state legal requirements.

For more detailed duties, training, conferences, and materials visit websites below:

Indiana State Board of Accounts;

<https://www.in.gov/sboa/>

Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA)

<https://www.isba-ind.org/>