

# Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Legal Status, Operation, and Organization

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The legal name of this School is the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, Cascade County, State of Montana. The School is classified as a state supported special purpose school and must be operated as a separate and independent unit and school of the State of Montana. The Montana Board of Public Education Board of Trustees of the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind is the governmental entity established by the State of Montana to plan and direct all aspects of the School's operations, to the end that students shall have ample opportunity to achieve their individual and collective learning needs.

In order to achieve its primary goal of providing each child with the necessary skills and attitudes to become an effective citizen, the Board shall exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws of the state. Its legal powers, duties and responsibilities are derived from the Montana Constitution and state statutes and regulations.

The policies of the Board define and frame the organization of the Board and the manner via which the school conducts of conducting its official business. The Board's operating policies are those that the Board adopts from time to time to facilitate the performance of its responsibilities.

All handbooks approved by the Board are regarded as and given the same significance as District policy.

Legal Reference:	§ 20-3-323, MCA	District policy and record of acts
	§ 20-8-101 MCA	Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind-State Supported Special School
	10.55.701, ARM	Board of Trustees
	Article X, Section 8	MT Constitution

#### Policy History:

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