

## **Legal Status and Organization**

**GP-2-E1**

The board of directors of the University Place School District is the corporate entity established by the state of Washington to plan and direct all aspects of the district's operations to the end that students shall have ample opportunity to achieve their individual and collective learning needs.

1. **Bylaws.** The policies contained in GP-2-E1 through GP-2-E7 constitute the bylaws of the board and define board organization and the manner of conducting its official business.
2. **Legal Status.** The corporate name of this school district is University Place School District No. 83, Pierce County, 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.
3. **Legal Powers, Duties and Responsibilities.** In order to achieve its educational goals and fulfill its mission, 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 state statute and regulation. Sources such as the school code (RCW 28A), attorney general's opinions, and regulations of the state board of education (WAC 180) and the state superintendent of public instruction (WAC 392) delineate the legal powers, duties and responsibilities of the board.
4. **Number of Members and Terms of Office.** The board shall consist of five members, elected by ballot by the registered voters of the district. Except as otherwise provided by law, board members shall hold office for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of board members shall be staggered as provided by law.

### **Legal References:**

- a. RCW 28A.150.230 Basic Education Act of 1977
- b. RCW 28A.315.040 Organization of school districts
- c. RCW 28A.315.100 Classes of districts
- d. RCW 28A.320.010 Corporate powers
- e. RCW 28A.320.020 Liability for debts and judgments
- f. RCW 28A.320.040 Directors-Bylaws

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**Monitoring Method:** Board self-assessment  
**Monitoring Frequency:** Annually in July