

## Legal Status and Operation

The Board of Directors of the West Valley 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 West Valley School District No. 208, Yakima 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.

In order to achieve its primary goal of providing each child with the necessary skills and attitudes, commensurate with his/her ability, to become effective citizens, 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 and 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.

Cross References:	Board Policy 1111	Oath of office
Legal References:	RCW 28A.150.230	Basic Education Act - 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 power
	RCW 28A.320.020	Liability for debts and judgments
	RCW 28A.320.040	Directors—Bylaws for Board and school government
	RCW 28A.343.300	Directors—Terms--Numbers
	RCW 28A.343.320	Directors—Declaration of candidacy

RCW 28A.343.330	Directors—Ballots—Form
RCW 28A.343.360	Directors—Oath of office
RCW 29A.20.030	Local officers, beginning of terms-Organization of district boards of directors
RCW 29A.20.040	Local elected officials, commencement of term and office

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