

**Chapter 1: School District
Organization**

School District Legal Status

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The Constitution of the State of Illinois, in force July 1, 1971, lists as a fundamental goal "the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities." The Constitution requires the State to provide free education in public schools through the secondary level and gives the State primary responsibility for financing the system of public education.

An Act to establish and regulate a system of public schools in the City of Bloomington was approved by the Illinois Legislature, February 16, 1857. Such a school district, established by a special Act of the Legislature, is known as a "Special Charter District". An updated, legal description of the boundaries of the District shall be maintained in the District's central office.

Bloomington Public Schools, School District 87 presently is governed by the applicable provisions of the Illinois School Code and by provisions of the Act establishing the District and amendments thereto which are not contrary to The Illinois School Code.

The District constitutes a body corporate that possesses all of the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, and in that name may sue and be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate, and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law.

LEGAL REF.: Ill Const., Art. X, Sec. 1.

105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq. [Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 122, ¶ 10-1 et seq.].

CROSS REF.: 2.010, 2.020