

A POLICY STATEMENT OF  
THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
New Cumberland, West Virginia 26047

**SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS**

The Constitution of West Virginia provides that the Legislature shall provide, by general law, for a thorough and efficient system of free schools. The Constitution of West Virginia also provides that the general supervision of the free schools of the State shall be vested in the West Virginia Board of Education which shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by law. County Boards of Education are created by statute.

County Boards of Education possess no inherent powers of any kind; such powers as they possess are conferred upon them by the State. In interpreting the laws, the courts agree that County Boards of Education may exercise the following powers:

1. Those expressly granted by statute;
2. Those that may be fairly implied in the powers expressly granted; and
3. Those essential to the accomplishments of the purposes for which the school system was created.

The County Board of Education shall be a corporation by the name of "The Board of Education of the County of Hancock." (W.Va. Code §18-5-5)

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