

Lakeland Board of Education

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1 The Board will be guided by the general mandatory powers and duties of the Board as defined through
 2 statute¹ which state or imply that a local Board of Education has full power to operate the local public
 3 schools as it deems fit in compliance with state and federal mandates. The Board functions only when
 4 in session.

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 6 The Board sees these as its required functions:

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 8 1. **Policy Oversight:**^{1,2} The Board shall develop a policy manual and employ a chief school
 9 administrator who shall carry out its policies through the development and implementation of
 10 administrative procedures. The Board shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of its policies
 11 and their implementation.
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 13 2. **Educational Planning:**³ The Board shall require reliable information from responsible sources
 14 which enable it and the staff to work toward the continuous improvement of the educational
 15 program.
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 17 3. **Fiscal Planning:**⁴ The Board shall adopt a budget to provide the necessary funding in terms
 18 of buildings, staff, materials and equipment to enable the school system to carry out its func-
 19 tions.
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 21 4. **Promotion:** The Board shall keep the local community informed about the school system, its
 22 accomplishments, and its actions and build public support for the schools by involving the
 23 public in the planning process.

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 25 The Board shall strive to provide the best educational opportunities possible for all children.

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 27 The Board shall exercise its powers through the enactment of policies for the organization and operation
 28 of the school system. The Board shall delegate the administration of the schools to the superintendent.

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 35 Legal References:

- 36 1. TCA 49-2-203
- 37 2. TCA 49-2-207
- 38 3. TCA 49-1-302(a)(3); TRR/MS 0520-2-1-.01
- 39 4. TCA 49-2-203(10)(A)(i)

Cross References:

- Policy Development & Adoption 1.600
- Administrative Procedures 1.601
- School District Goals 1.700
- Annual Operating Budget 2.200