

**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES OF
JEFFERSON VILLAGE SCHOOL**

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SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

In recognition that “a general diffusion of the advantages of education is essential to the preservation of rights and liberties of the people,” the Constitution of the State of Maine declares that the Legislature has the duty to require communities to provide for the the Support and maintenance of publics schools in order to further this objective. Maine Law establishes a State Department of Education to supervise a coordinated system of public education, a Commissioner to enforce regulatory requirements and to provide technical assistance and educational leadership, and a State Committee of Education to act as a Body with certain policymaking, and administrative and advisory functions, but places the responsibility for control and management of public schools with locally elected School Committees or Committees of Directors. Thus, the Jefferson School Committee derives its legal authority from the State’s Constitution, state statutes, and regulations of the State Committee of Education, as well as Federal Laws and regulations.

By custom and tradition, local school committees have responsibilities to the local citizens they serve and that elect them to office. Recognizing this parallel concept of authority and responsibility, the school committee becomes a policy-making body for the school district, serving within the framework provided by law and responding to the will of the local citizenry.

There shall be five members on the Jefferson School Committee (JSC). Each member serves for three years and these terms overlap so that in each year as a JSC position is vacated it must be resupplied by election.

Each member of the Board has one vote.

At its annual reorganizational meeting in April, the Jefferson School Committee will appoint a representative to serve on the AOS 93 Board. That representative shall have the weighted vote prescribed in the AOS Interlocal Agreement.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §§1601 et seq.
AOS 93 Interlocal Agreement for Alternative Organizational Structure, 2009

Cross Reference: BDA – Committee Organizational Meeting
BDB – Committee Officers

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