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## School District Organization

### School District Legal Status

The Illinois Constitution requires the State to provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services in order to achieve the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capabilities.

The General Assembly has implemented this mandate through the creation of school districts. The District is governed by the laws for school districts serving a resident population of not fewer than 1,000 and not more than 500,000.

The School Board constitutes a body corporate that possesses all 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. Constitution, Art. X, Sec. 1.  
105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 2:10 (School District Governance), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board)

## School District Organization

### District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

The District is organized and operates as a Unit District serving the educational needs of children in grades Pre-K through 12 and others as required by the School Code. The District is organized and operates as follows:

Nokomis Community Unit School District #22

The District enters into and participates in joint programs and intergovernmental agreements with units of local government and other school districts in order to jointly provide services and activities in a manner that will increase flexibility, scope of service opportunities, cost reductions, and/or otherwise benefit the District and the community. The Superintendent shall manage these activities to the extent the program or agreement requires the District's participation, and shall provide periodic implementation or operational data and/or reports to the School Board concerning these programs and agreements. The District participates in the following joint programs and intergovernmental agreements:

Mid-State Special Education Cooperative

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 10.  
5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.

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### School District Philosophy

The School District, in an active partnership with parents and community, will promote excellence in a caring environment in which all students learn and grow. This partnership shall empower all students to develop a strong self-esteem and to become responsible learners and decision-makers. The School District is committed to developing and using a visionary and innovative curriculum, a knowledgeable and dedicated staff, and sound fiscal and management practices.

The Mission Statement for Nokomis CUSD #22 is:

The Nokomis Community Unit School District's mission is to create a quality education as well as safe environment where every student reaches their full potential and takes personal responsibility in their own education. Teachers must be dedicated, passionate, and creative in upholding a flexible curriculum to meet standards while providing high expectations for their students and themselves. The District will strive for communication between parents, students, and the community for a continuous partnership.

CROSS REF: 2:10 (School District Governance), 3:10 (Goals and Objectives), 6:10  
(Educational Philosophy and Objectives)