

## SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

Section A: Foundations and Basic Commitments

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The legal basis for public education in the City of Newburyport, Massachusetts is vested in the will of the people as expressed in the Constitution of Massachusetts and state statutes pertaining to education and the City Charter articles pertaining to the School Committee.

Under the General Laws of Massachusetts,

"... Every town shall maintain... a sufficient number of schools for the instruction of all children who may legally attend a public school therein."

The public educational system of Newburyport structurally is a department of the City operated under laws pertaining to education and under regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Education. The area served by the Newburyport Public Schools is coterminous with the City of Newburyport.

### References:

Constitution of Massachusetts, [Part II, Chapter V, Section II](#)

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