

**Policy**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS**

**Descriptor Code: AA**

The United States Constitution leaves to the individual states responsibility for public education.

In South Dakota, the legislature is charged by the Constitution "to establish and maintain a general and uniform system of public schools" which is open to all children and free from sectarian control.

The State Board of Education is responsible for the adoption of all policies for the government of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, and for the adoption and implementation of regulations for supervising the elementary and secondary schools.

School districts exist for the purpose of operating a school or schools to provide the people of each local community adequate opportunity to avail themselves of a free public elementary and secondary education program.

This school district constitutes a school corporation under the name of Viborg-Hurley  
School District, No. 60-6 of Turner County, South Dakota.

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**State Reference**

SD Constitution Article 22  
SD Constitution Article 26 18  
SD Constitution Article 8 1  
SDCL 13-5-1  
SDCL 13-5-14  
SDCL 13-5-15  
SDCL 13-5-16  
SDCL 13-5-17  
SDCL 13-5-17.1  
SDCL 13-5-2  
SDCL 13-5-29  
SDCL 13-6

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Freedom of religion  
Uniform system of free public schools  
School districts defined  
School districts overlapping county boundaries  
School districts as corporations  
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Recording of school dist. names, # s & boundaries  
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Types of school districts abolished  
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**Federal Reference**

US CONST 10th Amd.

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Powers of the states and people

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