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## **Special Education Cooperative Organization**

## **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 joint agreements of various types for the purpose of providing special education services to students with disabilities. The North DuPage Special Education Cooperative is governed by such mandates.

Special education programs and/or services shall be developed in accordance with *The Rules and Regulations to Govern the Administration and Operation of Special Education* as promulgated under the constitutional authority of the State of Illinois and the Office of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Consistent with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31, the Governing Board of the North DuPage Special Education Cooperative shall serve as the administrative and legal entity NDSEC.

The Governing Board possesses all the usual power 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.: <u>Ill. Constitution</u>, Art. X, Sec. 1.

105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 2:10

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