

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS**

The legal basis for public education in Weston lies in the will of the people as expressed in the Constitution of Massachusetts and state statutes pertaining to education.

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."

Structurally, the public educational system of Weston is a department of the Town operated under laws pertaining to education and under regulations of the State Board of Education. The area served by the Weston Public Schools is coterminous with the Town of Weston.

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LEGAL REFS.: Constitution of Massachusetts, Part II, Chapter V, Section II  
M.G.L. 71:1

CROSS REF.: BB, School Committee Legal Status

Historical Note: Massachusetts has the oldest public school system in the nation. Dating back to 1647, the laws of the Massachusetts Bay Colony required towns to provide for a program of public education.