

## SCHOOL DIVISION LEGAL STATUS

The Constitution of the Commonwealth provides that the General Assembly establish a system of free public elementary and secondary schools for all children of school age throughout the state, and seek to ensure that an educational program of high quality is established and continually maintained. The General Assembly requires that such an educational system be maintained and administered by the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, division superintendents and school boards. The Board of Education divides the Commonwealth into school divisions of such geographical area and school-age population as will promote the realization of the standards of quality, and will periodically review the adequacy of existing school divisions for this purpose. The supervision of schools in each school division is vested in a school board selected in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Code of Virginia.

The school board is a corporate body whose official title shall be "Essex County School Board".

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Legal Refs.: Constitution of Virginia, article VIII, sections 1, 5, 7.  
Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-2, 22.1-28,  
22.1-71.

Cross Ref.: BB School Board Legal Status  
BBAA Board Member Authority