

**SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES**

The School Board:

1. adopts policy to provide for the day-to-day supervision of schools;
2. sees that the school laws are properly explained, enforced, and observed;
3. secures, by visitation or otherwise, as full information as possible about the conduct of the public schools in the school division and takes care that they are conducted according to law and with the utmost efficiency;
4. cares for, manages and controls the property of the school division and provides for the erecting, furnishing, equipping, and non-instructional operating of necessary school buildings and appurtenances and the maintenance thereof by purchase, lease, or other contracts;
5. provides for the consolidation of schools or redistricting of school boundaries or adopts pupil assignment plans whenever such procedure will contribute to the efficiency of the school division;
6. operates and maintains the public schools in the school division and determines the length of the school term, the studies to be pursued, the methods of teaching, and the government to be employed in the schools;
7. performs such other duties as shall be prescribed by the State Board of Education or are imposed by law;
8. obtains public comment through a public hearing not less than ten days after reasonable notice to the public in a newspaper of general circulation in the school division prior to providing (i) for the consolidation of schools; (ii) the transfer from the public school system of the administration of all instructional services for any public school classroom or all non-instructional services in the school division pursuant to a contract with any private entity or organization; or (iii) in school divisions having 15,000 pupils or more in average daily membership, for redistricting of school boundaries or adopting any pupil assignment plan affecting the assignment of fifteen percent or more of the pupils in average daily membership in the affected school. Such public hearing may be held at the same time and place as the meeting of the School Board at which the proposed action is taken if the public hearing is held before the action is taken.
9. surveys, at least annually, the school division to identify critical shortages of teachers and administrative personnel by subject matter, and reports such critical shortages to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the Virginia Retirement System or requests the division superintendent to conduct such survey and submit such report to the school board, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Virginia Retirement System.
10. ensures that public schools within the school division are registered with the Department of State Police to receive electronic notice of the registration or re-registration of any sex offender within the school division pursuant to Va. Code § [9.1-914](#).

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