

**Legal Status, Organization and Operation**

The legal name of this District is Upper West Shore School District No.33, Lake County, State of Montana. The District is classified as a Third-Class District and is operated according to the laws and regulations pertaining to elementary school districts of the State of Montana and the United States of America.

The Board of Trustees of the Upper West Shore School District #33 is the governmental entity established by the State of Montana to plan and direct all aspects of the District's operations to the end that students shall have ample opportunity to achieve their individual and collective learning needs.

In order to achieve its primary goal of providing each child with the necessary skills and attitudes to become an effective citizen, the Board shall exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws of the state. Its legal powers, duties and responsibilities are derived from the Montana Constitution and state statutes and regulations. Sources such as the school laws of Montana, and the administrative rules of the Board of Public Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction delineate the legal powers, duties and responsibilities of the Board.

The policies of the Board define the organization of the Board and the manner of conducting its official business. The Board's operating policies are those that the Board adopts from time to time to facilitate the performance of its responsibilities.

The Upper West Shore School District #33 maintains the Dayton Elementary School.

Legal References:	§ 20-3-323, MCA	District policy and record of acts
	§ 20-3-324, MCA	Powers and duties
	§20-6-101, MCA	Definition of elementary and high school districts
	§20-6-201, MCA	Elementary district classification

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