

**November 17, 2021**

**The North Middlesex Regional School District School Committee places the following policy on the table for public review. Should you wish to comment about the policy, please email your comments to [info@nmrsd.org](mailto:info@nmrsd.org)**

**Thank you.**

**FILE: AA**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS**

## SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

The legal basis for public education in the District is vested 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."

The North Middlesex Regional School District structurally is operated under laws pertaining to education and under regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Education and the Regional Agreement in place for the District. The area served by the North Middlesex Regional School District is coterminous with the Towns of Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend, Massachusetts.  
Established by law

LEGAL REFS.: Constitution of Massachusetts, Part II, Chapter V, Section II  
M.G.L. 71:1  
Regional Agreement for North Middlesex Regional School  
District (AA-E)  
Regional Agreement

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.

SOURCE: MASC

### **Adopted by the NMRSD School Committee:**

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Five-Year Review Cycle: 10/20/2021  
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