

# Lawrence County Board of Education

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1 The legal basis for education in Tennessee is expressed in the state Constitution and state statutes as  
2 interpreted by the courts. Boards are instruments of the state, and members of the Board are state  
3 officers representing local citizens and the state in the management of the public schools of Lawrence  
4 County.<sup>1</sup>

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6 The governing body shall be the Board of Education, serving residents within the boundaries of the  
7 school system and non-residents under conditions specified by state law and the Board.<sup>2</sup>

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9 All powers of the Board lie in its action as a group; therefore, individual board members exercise their  
10 authority over school system affairs only as they vote to take action at an official meeting of the Board.

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12 In other instances, an individual board member, including the chairman, shall have power only when  
13 specified by state law or when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him.

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32 Legal References:

- 33 1. TCA 49-1-101; TCA 49-1-102 (c); TCA 49-1-103  
34 2. TCA 49-6-3104  
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