

General Powers and Duties of the Board

The Board may exercise powers and carry out duties imposed on Area Education Agencies by statute and shall be governed in general by the provisions of Chapter 273 of the Code of Iowa. The Board in carrying out the provisions of Chapter 273 shall:

1. Determine and adopt policies to provide appropriate educational services and programs to local schools in accordance with applicable State Rules and Regulations.
2. Be authorized to make application for, accept, and expend state and federal funds that are available for programs of educational benefit to children.
3. Operate a juvenile home instructional program at the request of the County Board of Supervisors.
4. Prepare reports and provide data to the Department of Education as required.
5. Provide advisory committees as necessary.
6. Be authorized to contract for services with other Area Education Agencies, and with public and private agencies, subject to State Rules and Regulations.
7. Be authorized to operate and maintain, facilities, and when necessary to lease and acquire facilities, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Education.
8. Be authorized to enter into joint use of personnel, facilities, and equipment with school corporations, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Education.
9. Employ personnel, including a chief administrator.
10. Prepare annual budgets.
11. Be authorized to pay for appropriate memberships in state and national associations.
12. Be authorized to purchase individual annuity contracts for Agency employees.
13. Be authorized to provide funds for group health and life insurance for Agency employees.
14. Arrange annual meetings with AEA Board members and Merged Area Board of Directors.
15. Be authorized to issue warrants and anticipatory warrants.
16. Be authorized to issue school credit cards for actual and necessary expenses in the performance of work-related duties.
17. Be authorized to charge user fees for materials and services not required by law but specifically requested by local schools.

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