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### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE LEGAL STATUS**

The School Committee is the governing board of the Chicopee Public Schools. Although it functions as a duly elected committee of the city government, it owes its existence to the Massachusetts General Laws, which decree that each public school system will be governed by a school committee to carry out the educational policies of the state and guide the educational process.

The School Committee possesses all powers and duties conferred upon it by state law. Certain legislative powers are also granted to the Committee by the city charter and code. The Committee alone may determine policies and practices and employ a Superintendent who shall employ a staff to implement its direction and policies for the proper education of the children of the City of Chicopee.

Legal Refs.: M.G.L. 41:1 and 71:37 specifically, but powers and duties of School Committees are established throughout the General Laws of Massachusetts Relating to School Committees and as outlined in the Chicopee City Charter

1st reading: Reg SC Mtg 12/21/2011

2nd reading: Reg SC Mtg 12/21/2011