

MENOMINEE INDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

The United States Constitution leaves to the individual states the responsibility for public education.

The constitution of the State of Wisconsin provides for the establishment of free district schools "...which shall be as nearly uniform as practicable..." and sets up the basis for school district organization and reorganization. The state legislature is given the power to create, dissolve, alter, and consolidate school districts.

The state constitution further provides for a state department of public instruction, under the supervision of a state superintendent of public instruction, to provide leadership and services to local school districts.

The "Menominee Indian School District" is classified as a common school district.

The District is located within the boundaries of the Menominee Indian Reservation, Menominee County Wisconsin and includes the villages of Keshena, Neopit, Middle Village, South Branch, Zoar and Legend Lake. The District is under the management and control of a locally elected School Board that acts as an agent of the state and governs the public schools in accordance with state law.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.01(3), (5) Wisconsin Statutes
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Wisconsin Constitution, Article X
U.S. Constitution, Tenth Amendment

CROSS REF.: 130, School Board Legal Status

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