

SCHOOL DIVISION LEGAL STATUS

The Constitution of Virginia provides that the General Assembly establish a system of free public elementary and secondary schools for all children of school age throughout the state, and seek to ensure that an educational program of high quality is established and continually maintained. The General Assembly requires that such an educational system be maintained and administered by the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, division superintendents and school boards. The Board of Education divides the Commonwealth into school divisions of such geographical area and school-age population as will promote the realization of the standards of quality and will periodically review the adequacy of existing school divisions for this purpose. The supervision of schools in Portsmouth school division is vested in Portsmouth City School Board.

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Legal Refs.: Constitution of Virginia, article VIII, §§ 1, 5, 7.

The Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-2, 22.1-28.

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	BBAA	Board Member Authority