

## School Board Legal Status

The Constitution of Colorado assigns to locally elected boards of education control of instruction in the public schools of their respective districts. As charged by the constitution, the General Assembly has provided for the organization of school districts, including the composition of district boards and the election of school directors.

*Legally, then, local school boards are political subdivisions of the state and derive their power from the state constitution and acts of the General Assembly. They also have responsibilities to the local citizenry they serve and by whom they are elected.*

There are five directors on the Board of Education of the Trinidad School District #1, each of whom is elected for a four-year term.

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LEGAL REFS.: Constitution of Colorado, Article IX, Sections 2,15  
C.R.S. 22-31-105

*[Note: This section provides a district electorate with certain leeway in the number of directors and in the length of the term of office.]*

CROSS REFS.:

*Board policies:*

- GP-1, Governance Commitment
- GP-3, Board Job Description
- GP-9, Board Member Code of Conduct

