

District Legal Status

The Illinois Constitution requires the state to provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services in order to achieve the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capabilities.

The General Assembly has implemented this mandate through the creation of school districts. The District is governed by the laws for school districts having a population of not fewer than 1,000 and not more than 500,000.

The Board constitutes a body corporate that possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, and in that name may sue and be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate, and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law.

On May 8, 1948, voters approved the formation of a new unit district to be known as Community Unit School District No. 5 of McLean County, Illinois. On July 1, 1948, the 7 elected members of the Board of Education officially organized and adopted policies to provide direction for the administration of the District. Making up the District were all, or part, of the following Townships: Danvers, White Oak, Dry Grove, Hudson, Money Creek, Towanda, Normal and Bloomington.

The areas south and southeast of Bloomington and Sections of Kansas and Montgomery Townships in Woodford County became part of the District in 1954.

The name of this District is Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois, commonly known as McLean County Unit District No. 5.

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LEGAL REF.: Ill. Const., Art. X, Sec. 1.
105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq.
CROSS REF.: 2.10, 2.20

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