

## ELECTORAL SYSTEM

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish the electoral system used for electing board members.

### Authority under RCW 28A.343.040

The Board of Directors, with the assistance of the administration, the educational service district, the state redistricting commission, and consultants (e.g., attorneys, demographic experts, etc.) as appropriate, will prepare for the division or redivision of the district into director districts no later than eight months after any of the following:

- A. Receipt of federal decennial census data from the redistricting commission;
- B. Consolidation of the district with one or more other districts into one district;
- C. Transfer of territory to or from the district or dissolution and annexation of the district; or
- D. Approval by a majority of the district’s registered voters of a proposition to divide the district into director districts pursuant to RCW 28A.343.030.

The districting or redistricting plan will be consistent with the criteria and adopted according to the procedure established under RCW 29A.76.010.

### Authority under Washington Voting Rights Act

The District will ensure that its voting system does not impair the ability of a protected class or classes, as defined by the Washington Voting Rights Act, to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice as a result of the dilution or abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class or classes.

To remedy a potential violation of the Washington Voting Rights Act, the District may change its electoral system, which may include, but is not limited to, implementing director districts.

### Legal References:

RCW 28A.343.030	Certain school districts — Election to authorize division in school districts not already divided into directors’ districts
RCW 28A.343.040	Division or redivision of district into director districts
RCW 28A.343.050	Dissolution of directors’ districts
RCW 28A.343.670	First-class districts having city with population of 400,000 people or more — Initial director district boundaries — Appointments to fill vacancies for new director districts — Director district numbers

RCW 28A.315.195	Transfer of territory by petition — Requirements — Rules
RCW 28A.315.199	Transfer of territory or dissolution of financially insolvent school district by petition — Notification to affected districts — Mediation — Request for hearing — Notification to regional committee — Costs
RCW 28A.315.205	Transfer of territory or dissolution by petition — Regional committee responsibilities — Rules — Appeals
RCW 28A.315.215	Transfer of territory or annexation of financially insolvent district by agreement or order — Approval — Order — Previously approved and imposed excess tax levies
RCW 29A.76.010	Counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts
Chapter 29A.92 RCW	Voting Rights Act
Chapter 44.05 RCW	Washington State Redistricting Act

Management Resources:

*Policy & Legal News*, July 2019

*Policy & Legal News*, May 2018

*Policy & Legal News*, December 2015

*Policy News*, June 2011

*Policy News*, August 2008