## SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

The legal basis for education in the Independence School District is established through the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, the statutes pertaining to education, court interpretation of the validity of these laws and the powers implied in the laws. The state has granted the people the power to form school districts, elect school boards who, in turn, under the law are empowered to operated the public schools. In other words, in general, education is a function of the state and the public schools of Independence are an agency of the state.

## School District Name

The official name of the school district shall be the "Independence School District", Independence, Wisconsin; but for all purposes of business except where the name is mandatory, Independence Public Schools may be used as the business title of the district.

## Type of School District

The Independence School District is a common school district with an annual meeting of the voters held each year, and operates grades pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.

## Territorial Extent of the District

The Independence School District is a joint common school district comprised of territories found in the municipalities of the City of Independence and the Towns of Arcadia, Burnside, Chimney Rock, Hale, and Lincoln of Trempealeau County and the Town of Montana of Buffalo County, Wisconsin. The school district is the territorial unit for school administration.

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