

**KANKAKEE AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE  
GOVERNING BOARD POLICY MANUAL  
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## **Special Education Cooperative Organization**

### **Cooperative 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 constitutional mandate through the creation of joint agreements of various types for the purpose of providing special education services to children with disabilities. The Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative is governed by such mandates.

Special education programs and/or services shall be developed in accordance with The Rules and Regulations to Govern the Administration and Operation of Special Education as promulgated under the constitutional authority of the State of Illinois and the Office of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Consistent with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31, the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative Governing Board shall serve as the administrative and legal entity for the Special Education Cooperative.

The Cooperative 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.

LEGAL REF.:        Ill. Constitution, Art. X, Sec. 1.  
                          105 ILCS 5/10-22.31  
                          105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq.

CROSS REF.:        2:10

ADOPTED:            March 15, 2001

## **Special Education Cooperative Organization**

### **Joint Agreement Legal Status - Articles of Joint Agreement**

The Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative is organized under a Joint Agreement which serves to identify the Cooperative as a legal entity organized under The School Code.

The Joint Agreement shall be reviewed periodically by the Governing Board.

The Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative Joint Agreement for Special Education shall be signed by all participating school districts. The Joint Agreement may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Cooperative's Member Districts.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31

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## **Special Education Cooperative Organization**

### **Cooperative Organization, Operations, and Agreements**

The Cooperative is organized and operates as follows:

Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative is a legal entity with nine member districts forming a Joint Agreement. The Executive Director oversees the Executive Secretary, Bookkeeper, Receptionist, Technology Consultant, and Custodians, as well as the functioning of the following:

#### Alternative Day Program

- Certified Teachers
- Social Worker
- Paraprofessionals
- Adapted Physical Education Teacher
- Behavior Interventionist

#### Services provided to member districts:

- Adapted Physical Education
- Audiology
- Hearing Impaired Itinerant
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Special Education Coordinator
- Vision Itinerant
- Vocational Educational Services

The Cooperative enters into and participates in joint programs and intergovernmental agreements with units of local government and other school districts in order to jointly provide services and activities in a manner that will increase flexibility, scope of service opportunities, cost reductions, and/or otherwise benefit the districts and the community. The Director shall manage these activities to the extent the program or agreement requires the district's participation, and shall provide periodic implementation or operational data and/or reports to the Governing Board concerning these programs and agreements. The Cooperative participates in the following joint programs and intergovernmental agreements:

1. I-KAN Regional Office of Education Intergovernmental Agreement
2. Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative Joint Agreement for Special Education

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 10.  
5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.

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## **Special Education Cooperative Organization**

### **Member Districts - Membership**

The adopted Joint Agreement shall be signed by the President of the School Board of the Member District and placed on file in the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative's Administration office.

Membership in the Cooperative shall be established by a Joint Agreement among the Member Districts. Acceptance of the Joint Agreement shall be approved by a resolution adopted by each member School Board.

The Member Districts of the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative are as listed in the Joint Agreement for Special Education.

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