

## SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

School Districts Created by State Legislature. The local school districts are created by the legislature to execute the educational policy as defined in the constitution and by the state laws passed by the legislature. As a result, the service of public education is a state governmental function. The constitution of Kansas makes the legislature responsible by stating:

“The legislature shall provide for intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvements by establishing and maintaining public schools, educational institutions and related activities which may be organized and changed in such manner as may be provided by law.” (Kansas Constitution, Article 6, Section 1)

“The legislature shall make suitable provisions for finance of the educational interests of the state. No tuition shall be charged for attendance at any public school to pupils required by law to attend such school, except such fees or supplemental charges as may be authorized by law...” (Kansas Constitution, Section 6 b).

“No religious sect or sects shall control any part of the public educational funds.” (Kansas Constitution, Article 6, Section 6 e).

Establishment of School District The district was established by order of the state superintendent of public instruction dated January 22, 1965. Effective dates of the state superintendent’s order were July 1, 1965, for limited purposes, and July 1, 1966 , for all purposes. (FBA 1988, 72-???)

School District a Corporate Body. A school district is the territory under the jurisdiction of a single governing board which is designated as the board of education. A school district constitutes a corporate body which possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes and in that name may sue or be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law. The state has granted to the people the power to elect boards of education who, under the law, are empowered to operate the public schools. (KSA 1968 72-1612). (Kansas Constitution, Article 6, Section 5).

Name of School District. The official name of the school district is Unified School District No. 382, Pratt County, State of Kansas. (KSA 1968 72-6793; KSA 1968 72-1612).

The common name of the district is Pratt USD No. 382.

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