



Book	WSSDA Operating Policies
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Mission: On behalf of the children of the State of Washington, it shall be the mission of the Legislative Committee of the Washington State School Directors' Association to participate actively in the formulation and successful promotion of WSSDA's legislative advocacy program and to coordinate training to provide advice, communications and information to the Board of Directors, local board legislative representatives, WSSDA's membership and the public.

The duties and operating practices of the Legislative Committee and its chair are:

- A. To study all concerns and/or proposals for change to state and federal laws or rules and all initiatives and referenda affecting education as they relate to the common schools and to report its recommendations to the Board of Directors, to the Legislative Assembly and to the membership. Matters relating to school district organization (see policy 1280) shall be studied and referred to the Resolutions Committee and submitted to the Delegate Assembly at the Annual Conference;
- B. To initiate proposals to the Legislative Assembly:
 1. In response to concerns and/or specific proposals made by any school board or county or regional unit or standing committee or task force of WSSDA, including the WSSDA Board of Directors or the Legislative Committee, or any individual local school board member; or
 2. In circumstances which the Committee identifies as emerging major educational legislation and policy issues.
- C. To convey its recommendations on proposals to the membership at the earliest possible date, but not fewer than 20 days before the Legislative Assembly convenes;
- D. To conduct the annual Legislative Assembly and to participate in prioritization of WSSDA's legislative advocacy program;
- E. To provide input to the Board of Directors on emerging legislative education issues;
- F. To coordinate and/or provide training for local board legislative representatives regarding the legislative/proposal process and advocacy strategies;
- G. To communicate to WSSDA staff and legislative representatives on legislative issues during legislative sessions; and
- H. To work with like committees of other organizations when appropriate.

At least one Legislative Committee meeting, which may occur during the legislative conference, will be held during the legislative session.

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