

## **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. Kendall County Special Education Cooperative, hereinafter referred to as “KCSEC” or “the Cooperative”, is governed by such mandates.

Special education programs and/or services shall be developed in accordance with the *Special Education* rules 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 KCSEC Governing Board shall serve as the fiscal and legal entity for the Cooperative. The Grundy/Kendall County Regional Office of Education serves as its administrative/fiscal agent.

The Governing Board 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 5/10-1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 2:10 (Governance), 2:20 (Governing Board Powers)

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