

SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where do I go to find out information about School Reorganization?

Click on the following link for School Reorganization information:
<http://www.education.ne.gov/FOS/OrgServices/Reorganization/>

On this site, some of the items you will find include:

- Committee Members
- Reorganization Meeting future dates, agenda's and minutes
- Dissolution lists for the current year
- Dissolution lists Cumulative from 1990 through the current year
- Unification Information

[Rule 83](#), which addresses the Nebraska Department of Education Procedures of the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts.

Where do I find mergers and consolidations that have occurred, and when are they posted on the website?

The District Dissolution Tables for School Reorganization is posted on the website early to mid June, or as soon as all information is collected.

Does the Committee meet quarterly?

The Committee meets up to five times during the current school year. Tentative dates are posted on the website.

Can I see the Agenda prior to the meeting?

The Agendas are posted on the website. An Agenda is also available from the Department of Education, Education Support Services. Minutes from the previous meetings are also posted on the website. <http://www.education.ne.gov/FOS/OrgServices/Reorganization/>

Is a dissolved district required to submit an Annual Financial Report and an Audit Report for their last school year of existence?

Yes. See Statute 79-528, and 79-1091.

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Who serves on the Reorganization Committee?

Per Statute 79-435, the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts must be composed of six members. Three members shall be laypersons, and two members shall hold a teachers certificate. The Commissioner of Education serves as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Committee. Members will serve a five-year term. A list of Committee Members and their terms are listed on the home page of the website.

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Can I get copies of the Petitions that have been sent to the Nebraska Department of Education for the meeting?

Yes, once the petitions are received at NDE they are public information.

Can reorganization be done without a vote of the patrons of the district?

Yes, through a board to board petition. A board to board petition is a process where the school boards make the decision to submit a petition to the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts and after a public hearing, the Committee can approve or disapprove the petition.

Can School Reorganization be done by a local School Board, even if the patrons of the district are clearly against the consolidation proposal?

Yes, the school board may make this decision.

What is a 'Depopulated' school district?

When, for a period of one school term, a school district (1) has less than three legal voters residing in the district or (2)(a) fails to maintain a public elementary school within the district in which are enrolled and in regular attendance for at least one thousand thirty-two hours one or more pupils of school age residing in the district, other than option students as defined in section 79-233, or (b) does not contract for the tuition and transportation of pupils of such district with another district or districts and have pupils attending school regularly for at least one thousand thirty-two hours under such contract or contracts, the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts shall, subject to the requirements of this section, dissolve such district and attach the territory of such district to one or more neighboring school districts. (See Rule 83 006.05.) [Rule 83, Depopulations](#)

Can I see a sample of a petition? What are the criteria to be included?

Yes. See [SAMPLE PETITION INFORMATION](#)

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