



SECTION I: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1000
DEFINITION AND LEGAL STATUS

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to define the District and its legal status.

Broken Arrow Public Schools is classified under Oklahoma law as an independent school district and has been created by the Oklahoma legislature pursuant to the mandate in Article XIII of the Oklahoma Constitution that requires the legislature to establish and maintain a system of free public schools wherein all the children of the state may be educated. It is a body corporate and possesses the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes.

The legal and official name of the District is Independent School District Number Three of Tulsa County, Oklahoma. The governing body of the District is its elected Board of Education. Oklahoma law authorizes the Board of Education to maintain and operate a complete public school system best suited to the needs of the District.

Source: *Broken Arrow Board of Education policy adoption, July 13, 2009.*
 Broken Arrow Board of Education policy reviewed and affirmed February 27, 2012.