

SECTION: SCHOOL REFORM
COMMISSION

TITLE: AUTHORITY AND POWERS

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

002. AUTHORITY AND POWERS	
	<p>Section 1. <u>Authority</u></p> <p>The authority to establish, equip, furnish, operate and maintain the public schools of the School District of Philadelphia is vested in the School Reform Commission, which is a body corporate and is constituted and governed by Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Statutes, the Public School Code of 1949 as amended, Article III of the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article XII of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.</p>
<p>PA Const. Art. III Sec. 14 SC 211, 501,502, 502.1, 503, 510, 693, 696 HRC 12-200, 12-300, 12-500</p>	
	<p>Section 2. <u>Powers</u></p> <p>The School Reform Commission shall have all of the powers and duties formerly granted to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia as well as the specific powers granted to it by state law.</p>
<p>SC 693, 696</p>	
	<p>The SRC shall establish and approve such schools as are required for the education of every student residing in the School District of Philadelphia between the ages of six (6) and twenty-one (21) years who may attend school; shall equip, furnish, operate, and maintain district schools; shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the management of school affairs and the conduct and deportment of employees and students; and shall levy taxes as may be necessary, in addition to the annual state appropriation, for the exercise of aforesaid powers.</p>
<p>SC 407, 501, 502, 502.1, 503, 510, 511, 801 HRC 12-300, 12-305, 12-308</p>	
	<p>The SRC shall act as the general agent of the residents of the school district in matters of public education. It shall establish educational goals and academic standards for district schools and govern an educational program designed to meet those goals and standards and to support student achievement. The SRC shall be responsible for establishing, maintaining and evaluating the educational programs in district schools, and for enforcing mandatory laws and regulations.</p>
<p>SC 696 Title 22 Sec. 4.13 Pol. 100, 102</p>	

SC 407, 696
HRC 12-209
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The SRC, in accordance with its statutory mandate, shall adopt policies for its own operation and the guidance of the Superintendent in the operation of the school district. SRC policies shall be consistent with law, have a rational and substantial relationship to a legitimate purpose of the Commission, and be directed towards the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education in this district.

The powers of the SRC are not vested in the individual Commissioner(s). No such individual is authorized to act on behalf of the SRC to carry out any of the Commission's authorized powers, except for those acts stated in law.

References:

Pennsylvania Constitution – PA Const. Art. III Sec. 14

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 211, 407, 501, 502, 502.1, 503, 510, 511, 693, 696, 801, 803, 1844

Home Rule Charter – Sec. 12-200, 12-209, 12-300, 12-305, 12-308, 12-500

First Class City Public Education Home Rule Act – 53 P.S. Sec. 13201 et seq.

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.13

School Reform Commission Policy – 000, 100, 102