

### **IC 20-23-3**

#### **Chapter 3. School Townships**

### **IC 20-23-3-1**

#### **Name; corporate powers**

Sec. 1. (a) A township is a school township.

(b) A school township is a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of " \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ township of \_\_\_\_\_ county", according to the name of the township and of the county in which the school township is organized.

(c) A school township may:

- (1) contract and may be contracted with; and
- (2) sue and be sued;

in the name of the school township in a court with jurisdiction.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.*

### **IC 20-23-3-2**

#### **Employment of teachers; establishment of separate graded high schools; joint graded high schools**

Sec. 2. (a) The school trustees shall:

- (1) take charge of the educational affairs of their respective townships, towns, and cities;
- (2) employ teachers;
- (3) establish and locate conveniently a sufficient number of schools for the education of the children; and
- (4) build, or otherwise provide, suitable houses, furniture, apparatus, and other articles and educational appliances necessary for the thorough organization and efficient management of the schools.

The school trustees may establish and maintain, as near the center of the township as practical, at least one (1) separate graded high school, to which sufficiently advanced students shall be admitted.

(b) The school trustees of two (2) or more school corporations may establish and maintain one (1) or more joint graded high schools instead of separate graded high schools. If a joint graded high school is established, the participating school corporations are jointly responsible for the care, management, and maintenance of the school.

(c) A trustee, instead of building a separate graded high school for the trustee's township, shall transfer the students of the trustee's township competent to enter a graded high school to another school corporation.

(d) A graded high school may not be built unless there are, at the time the graded high school is built, at least twenty-five (25) common graduates of school age residing in the township.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.*

### **IC 20-23-3-3**

#### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.2-2006, SEC.199.)*

**IC 20-23-3-4****Management of property**

Sec. 4. (a) School trustees have the care and management of all real and personal property belonging to their respective corporations for common school purposes. However, congressional township school lands shall be under the care and management of the trustees of the civil township to which the lands belong.

(b) School trustees shall provide janitorial help considered necessary to properly care for the schools and premises under the school trustees' control.

(c) Each janitor provided by the trustees under subsection (b) shall be paid from the special school funds of the township.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.*

**IC 20-23-3-5****Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.2-2006, SEC.199.)*

**IC 20-23-3-6****Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.2-2006, SEC.199.)*

**IC 20-23-3-7****Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.2-2006, SEC.199.)*

**IC 20-23-3-8****Kindergarten programs**

Sec. 8. An educational program under this chapter must include a kindergarten program that is at least a half day program.

*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.*

**IC 20-23-3-9****Appeal from determinations of township trustees**

Sec. 9. Appeals shall be allowed from decisions of the township trustees concerning school matters to the county superintendent. The county superintendent shall receive and promptly determine the appeals according to the rules that govern appeals to the court under IC 4-21.5-5, so far as the rules are applicable. The county superintendent's decisions of all local questions relating to:

- (1) the legality of school meetings;
- (2) establishment of schools;
- (3) the location, building, repair, or removal of schoolhouses;
- (4) transfers of persons for school purposes; and
- (5) resignation and dismissal of teachers;

shall be treated as final.

*As added by P.L.2-2006, SEC.91.*