

School Superintendent

The School Committee shall appoint a qualified Superintendent, who is not a member of the School Committee, for a term in conformity with M.G.L. Chapter 71, section 41, which reads, "...A School Committee may award a contract to a Superintendent of Schools... for a period not exceeding six years... Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a School Committee from voting to employ a Superintendent of Schools who has completed three or more years' service to serve at its discretion."

The Superintendent shall be the educational leader and chief executive of the Harvard Public Schools and shall, under the direction of the School Committee, supervise all of the schools and all personnel of the Harvard Public Schools. The Superintendent is responsible for the management of schools under the School Committee policies and is accountable to the School Committee.

In the event that any vacancy occurs in the office of the Superintendent, the School Committee shall promptly fill such vacancy. Such vacancy may be filled by appointment of an acting Superintendent until the appointment of a permanent Superintendent.

The Superintendent, in his/her discretion, may delegate to other school personnel the exercise of any powers and the discharge of any duties imposed upon the Superintendent by these policies or by vote of the School Committee. The delegation of power or duty, however, shall not relieve the Superintendent of responsibility for the action taken under such delegation.

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