

## **Joint Agreement Organization**

### **Joint Agreement Legal Status**

The Illinois Constitution requires the State to provide for an efficient system of high-quality public educational institutions and services in order to achieve the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capabilities.

The General Assembly has implemented this constitutional mandate through the creation of joint agreements of various types for the purpose of providing special education services to children with disabilities. The Macon-Piatt Special Education District Joint Agreement is governed by such mandates.

Special education programs and/or services shall be developed in accordance with The Illinois Rules and Regulations to Govern the Organization and Administration of Special Education as promulgated under the constitutional authority of the State of Illinois and the Office of the Illinois State Board of Education.

Consistent with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31, Decatur School District 61 shall serve as the administrative and legal entity for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District.

Decatur School District 61 constitutes a body corporate that possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, and in that name may sue and be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate, and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law.

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. X, Sec. 1.

105 ILCS 5/10-22.31

CROSS REF.: 2:10 (Joint Agreement Governance), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification)

Special Education Joint Agreement for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District dated March 22, 2010, as amended February 19, 2026.

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