

## **LEGAL AUTHORITY**

The official name of the academy shall be: Marshall Academy, Calhoun County, Michigan.

The legal basis for Marshall Academy is Act No. 362 of the public Acts of 1993. Ferris State University Board of Trustees, as the authorizing body, approved the establishment of Marshall Academy. Pursuant to the Revised School Code, the University Board grants a Contract conferring certain rights, franchises, privileges, and obligations of a public school academy and confirms the status of a public school academy in the State of Michigan to Marshall Academy.

The Marshall Academy Board or Directors shall act as the general agent in carrying out the laws of the State of Michigan in matters of education at Marshall Academy. It shall be responsible for carrying out certain mandatory laws, and to consider, accept, or reject the provisions of the permissive laws. In all cases where legal authority does not specifically provide or prohibit, the Board of Directors considers itself the agent of the people in planning, executing, and appraising the total school program.

Board members have no authority over school affairs as individuals. They have authority only when acting as a body duly called in session.

References:       The Revised School Code of 1996  
                      Contract between Ferris State University Board of Trustees and Marshall Academy

# **MARSHALL ACADEMY**

## **LEGAL REFERENCE NOTE**

This note is a legal reference to the status of Marshall Academy. The Michigan Legislature provided for the establishment of public school academies as part of the Michigan Public School System by enacting Act No. 362 of the Public Acts of 1993. According to this enacted law, the Ferris State University Board of Trustees, as the governing board of a state public university, is an authorizing body empowered to issue contracts to organize and operate public school academies.

1. Legal name of school district: Marshall Academy, Calhoun County, Michigan
2. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members, who are appointed to terms of four (4) years.
3. Members of the Board of Directors are appointed annually effective July 1st with up to two seats available each of three years and one seat available the other year.
4. If a vacancy occurs during a term of office, the Board shall follow Board Policy 4101 to fill the vacancy.
5. Marshall Academy shall not be organized by a church or other religious organization and shall not have any organizational or contractual affiliation with or constitute a church or other religious organization. Nothing in this Policy Manual shall be deemed to diminish or enlarge the civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of any person on account of their religious belief.

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