The United States Constitution leaves to the individual states responsibility for public education.

The Ohio General Assembly is under mandate by the Constitution of Ohio to provide for the organization, administration and control of a public school system supported by public funds. The Ohio State Constitution also calls for a State Board of Education and a Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The General Assembly has outlined the duties of the State Board of Education and the Chief State School Officer. It has also established a State Department of Education (through which policies and directives of the State Board and Superintendent of Public Instruction are administered) and has established specific types of school districts.

The Cleveland Municipal School District is classified as a municipal school district governed by the provisions of H.B. 269, codified at O.R.C. §§ 3311.71-3311.77.

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LEGAL REFERENCES

U.S. Constitution, Amendment X
Ohio Constitution, Article VI, §§ 2, 3 and 4
O.R.C. §§ 3311.71-3311.77