

Policy 205: Board Member Liability**Status:** ADOPTED**Original Adopted Date:** 12/09/1991 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 10/09/2023 | **Last Revised Date:** 03/11/2019

Board members will not be held personally liable for actions taken in the performance of their duties and responsibilities vested in them by the laws of Iowa and the members of the school district community. In carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their office, board members will act in good faith.

The school district will defend, save harmless and indemnify board members against tort claims or demands, whether groundless or otherwise, arising out of an alleged act or omission occurring within the scope of their official duties, unless the act constitutes a willful or wanton act or omission. The school district, however, cannot save harmless or indemnify board members for punitive damages.

Legal Reference: *Wood v. Strickland*, 420 U.S. 308 (1975).
 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985
 Iowa Code ch. 670.

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Iowa Code § 670

Description[Tort Liability of Gov't Subdivisions](#)**U.S.C. - United States Code**

42 U.S.C. § 1985

Description[Public Health - Civil Rights Interference](#)

42 U.S.C. §§ 1983

[Public Health - Civil Rights](#)**U.S. Supreme Court**

420 U.S. 308

Description[Wood v Strickland \(1975\)](#)**Case Law**

Wood v. Strickland

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420 U.S. 308 (1975).

Cross References**Code**

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