

School District Organization

The Special Charter of 1869

The Peoria school system is known as a charter school district. Generally speaking, school districts in Illinois are governed by a body of laws pertaining to schools and known as The School Code. Prior to 1870, while Illinois was governed by its second Constitution, there was no provision in the State Constitution for education. It was in this period that the State of Illinois, through legislative action, issued individual grants, or charters, of authority to various communities in the state for the purpose, as agents of the state, of having and operating public schools. Peoria was one of the towns granted such a charter.

Peoria's charter granted certain powers and responsibilities to the town in creating its school district which are perpetual unless changed by legislation.

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