

R 1-8-7 Board of Education and Employee Liability Insurance

The West Virginia State Board of Risk and Insurance Management, consistent with West Virginia Code, provides appropriate professional liability insurance for all of the Preston County Board of Education members and its employees. The insurance covers any claim, demand action, suit or judgment by reason of alleged negligence or other acts resulting in bodily injury or property damage to any person within or without any school building if at the time of the alleged injury the Board member or employee was acting in the discharge of his/her duties, within the scope of his/her office, position or employment, under the direction of the Board of Education or in an official capacity as a school board member. The insurance policy includes:

- ❖ Comprehensive coverage;
- ❖ Malpractice coverage;
- ❖ Corporal punishment coverage;
- ❖ Legal liability coverage; and
- ❖ Provisions for the payment of attorney's fees in connection with any claim, demand, action suit or judgment arising from such alleged negligence or other act resulting in bodily injury under conditions described above.

The law requires that the minimum amount of liability insurance provided must be at least one million dollars for each occurrence. In addition, each county board of education shall purchase through the Board of Risk excess coverage of at least five million dollars for each occurrence.
(WVC §29-12-5a)