



**Nauset
Regional
Agreement**

What is a Regional Agreement?

Mass General Law Chapter 71 Sections 14 - 161

Provides the structure for the creation of regional school districts.

Including...

- The number, composition, method of selection, and terms of office of the members of the regional district school committee
- The town or towns in which, or the general area within the regional school district where, the regional district school or schools are to be located
- The type of regional district school or schools (grade levels)

- The method of apportioning the expenses of the regional school district, and the method of apportioning the costs of school construction
- The method by which school transportation shall be provided

- The terms by which any city or town may be admitted to or separated from the regional school district
- The method by which the agreement may be amended.

- The detailed procedure for the preparation and adoption of an annual budget.
- Any other matters, not incompatible with law

Chapter A201. Nauset Regional School Agreement

Agreement for a regional school district for the Towns of Brewster and Orleans, Massachusetts (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the member towns) and the Nauset Regional School District.

SECTION I. Membership of the Nauset Regional School Committee.

[Amended 5-9-1994 ATM, Art. 33; 10-28-2002 STM, Art. 4]

Revision Timeline

- **Spring 2023:** Town of Brewster requested a change in method of apportioning expenses. Calculate enrollment on a three-year rolling average
- Legal Counsel indicates an update is necessary prior to amending.
- **Fall 2023:** Agreement revision subcommittee begins working with legal counsel.
- **November 2023:** First draft created

Revision Timeline

- **January 2024:** Town of Brewster submits requests for further changes
- **February 2024:** Subcommittee meets to discuss proposed new changes with legal counsel. Subcommittee creates outline for a new draft.
- **Currently:** Subcommittee is awaiting draft from counsel.

Next Steps

- Once complete the draft will be presented to full School Committee for their review, input and approval.
- Approved Draft Regional Agreement will be shared with Region Member Towns.
- Committee will request from all Member Towns any additional amendments or revisions be sent in writing to the School Committee.
- Meeting to be scheduled & held with representatives of Member Towns, School Committee, and Legal Counsel to discuss the proposed revisions and amendments to the draft Regional Agreement.

Final Notes

Our legal counsel has kept Mass Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) informed every step of the way in this process.

The Mass Education Commissioner **must** sign our agreement before it can be implemented.

Public informational meetings will be held in each town so that voters are fully informed prior to their town meeting.

NRSC is working to make this a collaborative process and to produce an agreement that meets all Massachusetts laws and will serve the towns and the district well into the future.

