

General responsibilities

- Pupils are to be educated as far as is reasonable in accordance with the wishes of their parents.
Education (Scotland) Act 1980, section 28 (1)
- It is the duty of parents to provide an efficient education either by ensuring that their children regularly attend school or by other means.
Education (Scotland) Act 1980, section 30 (1)
- It is the duty of education authorities to secure adequate and efficient provision of school education.¹
Education (Scotland) Act 1980, section 1 (1)
- Every child of school age has the right to school education.
Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000, section 1
- Education is to be directed to the development of the personality, talents and mental and physical abilities of the child or young person to their fullest potential.
Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000, section 2 (1)
- School education should be provided in a mainstream school unless particular circumstances apply.
Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000, section 15
- Education authorities must seek and take account of the views of the child or young person and parents, and of any information they provide.
Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004, section 12 (2)
- It is the duty of education authorities to make adequate and efficient provision for additional support as is required by a child or young person.
Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004, section 4 (1)
- Education of a child with additional support needs is to be directed to the development of the personality, talents and mental and physical abilities of the child or young person to their fullest potential.
Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004, section 1 (2)

¹ This Act defines school education as: progressive education appropriate to the requirements of pupils in attendance at schools, regard being had to age, ability and aptitudes of such pupils, and includes: (ii) provision for special educational needs