

**SHORT SUMMARY OF  
ARTICLE X OF THE WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION**

- Article X, Section 1 creates the office of the state superintendent and gives the superintendent the authority to supervise public instruction.
- Article X, Section 2 creates the Common and Normal School (Trust) Funds. This section directs virtually all sources of state revenue other than taxation into these funds. This section also dedicates the earnings of the Common School Fund to the benefit of the public schools and libraries.
- Article X, Section 3 creates the public schools system for students between the ages of 4 and 20. These public schools may not charge for tuition.
- Article X, Section 4 requires each town and city to levy a tax for the support of the public schools. The amount of that tax shall be at least 50% of the amount received annually by such schools from the Common School Fund.
- Article X, Section 5 requires the Common School Fund earnings to be allocated to school districts based upon the number of children between the ages of 4 and 20 living in such school districts.
- Article X, Section 6 establishes both the University of Wisconsin and a permanent trust for the benefit of the UW. The trust shall be funded with the proceeds from the sale of lands granted by the federal government for the support of a university.
- Article X, Section 7 creates the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, identifies the members of the Board and gives the Board the exclusive authority to manage school and university trust lands and the proceeds from the sale of those trust lands.
- Article X, Section 8 outlines certain aspects of Board sales of school and university trust lands and Board investment of school and university trust funds. This section expressly gives the Board the discretion to sell or not sell any particular lands.