
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1986 No. 594

The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986

PART III

PROVISION OF EDUCATION

The statutory system of education

[^{F1}Stages and purposes of statutory system of education

5.—(1) The statutory system of public education shall be organised in three stages, namely—

- (a) primary education;
- (b) secondary education; and
- (c) further education.

(2) It shall be the duty of [^{F2}the Authority] (so far as its powers extend) to contribute towards the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical development of the community by securing that efficient primary education and secondary education are available to meet the needs [^{F3}of the community] .

(3) The Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 confers functions with respect to further education.]

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F2 Words in Order substituted (1.4.2015) by Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 12), **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(a)** (with Sch. 2 para. 4(3), Sch. 3 para. 1(2)); S.R. 2015/35, art. 2(b)

F3 Words in art. 5(2) substituted (1.4.2015) by Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 12), **Sch. 3 para. 9(3)** (with Sch. 2 para. 4(3)); S.R. 2015/35, art. 2(b)

Changes to legislation:

The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, Cross Heading: The statutory system of education is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 July 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 18 repealed in part by [S.I. 2003/435 \(N.I.\) art. 49\(2\)](#)Sch. 2
- art.77(3) revoked by [S.I. 1996/2967 reg.11\(7\)](#)