

STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION ANALYSIS

Overview of Key Themes

- The states of Minnesota, New Mexico, and Wisconsin do **not** have state boards of education
- 12 states, including D.C., have student representation on the Board
 - 4 states allow the student member(s) to vote
 - 9 states do not allow the student member(s) to vote
 - *Vermont has one voting and one non-voting student member
 - ** Delaware does not have student representation
- 7 states, not including Delaware, impose term limits on Board Members
 - 2 term limit: Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, Oregon, Rhode Island
 - 1 term limit: Vermont, Wyoming
- Number of Members on the Board
 - 11 states have 9 individuals on the Board
 - 9 states, including Delaware, have 7 individuals on the Board
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- Length of terms
 - 22 states have 4 year term lengths for Board members
 - 7 states, including Delaware, have 6 year term lengths for Board members
 - 30 states have term lengths less than that utilized in Delaware
 - 12 states have term lengths longer than utilized in Delaware
- Board establishment
 - 24 states establish the Board in their Constitution
 - 23 states, including Delaware, establish the Board through statute
 - New York board is established the Board through both Constitution and Statute
- All state boards, including Delaware's, have the ability to adopt standards other than the following:
 - 4 states give this authority to the Commissioner or other chief officer of state schools
 - New York give this authority to the Board in conjunction with the Commissioner or other chief officer of state schools
 - New Mexico gives this authority to the Department of Education

State Education Governance Models (2015)



Model I	Model II	Model III	Model IV
<i>Governor appoints state board, board appoints/recommends chief state school officer</i>	<i>Elected state board, board appoints chief state school officer</i>	<i>Governor appoints state board, independently elected chief state school officer</i>	<i>Governor appoints state board and chief state school officer</i>
13 states	6 states	10 states	10 states
Alaska Arkansas Connecticut* Florida Hawaii Illinois Kentucky Maryland Massachusetts	Alabama Colorado Kansas Michigan Nebraska Utah Also, Northern Marianas	Arizona California Georgia Idaho Indiana** Montana North Carolina North Dakota Oklahoma** Wyoming	Delaware Iowa Maine New Hampshire New Jersey Pennsylvania South Dakota Tennessee Vermont*** Virginia
* state board recommends the chief to the gov., who makes final appointment ** the state's chief education officer is appointed by the Oregon Education Investment Board		** chief state school officer also serves as chair of state board	*** governor appoints chief from 3 candidates put forward by the state board

Other Models	
Mix of appointed/elected state board members:	Louisiana (board appoints chief); Ohio (board appoints chief); Washington (chief elected, 5 members elected by local school boards); Guam (board appoints chief); Nevada (governor appoints chief from 3 candidates put forward by the state board)
Legislature appoints board:	New York (board appoints chief); South Carolina (chief elected)
Mixed appointment of board (gov., lt. gov., speaker of the house):	Mississippi (board appoints chief)
Elected state board, governor/mayor appoints chief:	Texas, District of Columbia
No state board:	Minnesota (gov. appoints chief); New Mexico (gov. appoints chief); Wisconsin (chief elected)

Chief State School Officer Selection Method
State Board appoints/recommends: 23 <i>(also Northern Marianas, Guam)</i>
Governor appoints: 15 <i>(also DC mayor, Puerto Rico)</i>
Elected: 13

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STATE EDUCATION GOVERNANCE MATRIX

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STATE	SELECTION OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICER	SELECTION OF STATE BOARD CHAIR/PRESIDENT	SELECTION OF STATE BOARD MEMBERS	NUMBER OF VOTING STATE BOARD MEMBERS	LENGTH OF TERM FOR STATE BOARD MEMBERS	STATE BOARD ESTABLISHED IN STATUTE OR CONSTITUTION	AUTHORITY FOR TEACHER LICENSURE	AUTHORITY FOR STANDARDS ADOPTION
Alabama	Appointed by SBE	Governor is president of SBE	Partisan ballot	8 plus governor	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Alaska	Appointed by SBE with approval by governor	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor and confirmed by legislature	7	5	Statute	SBE	SBE
Arizona	Partisan ballot	Elected by SBE	All are appointed by governor with consent of the Senate, except CSSO	11	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Arkansas	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor	9	7	Statute	SBE	SBE
California	Nonpartisan ballot	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor	11 voting members including a student member	4	Constitution	PSC	SBE
Colorado	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Elected by partisan ballot	7	6	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Connecticut	Recommendation by SBE to governor	Appointed by governor	Governor appoints SBE, with advice and consent of General Assembly	11 voting members; commissioner of Dept. of Higher Education serves ex-officio	11 voting members are appointed to 4 year terms; student members are appointed to 1 year terms	Statute	SBE	SBE
Delaware	Appointed by governor	Appointed by and serves at pleasure of governor	Appointed by governor and confirmed by State Senate	7	6	Statute	SBE	SBE
Florida	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor	7	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE

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Georgia	Partisan ballot	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor	13	7	Constitution	PSC	SBE
Hawaii	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor, confirmed by the Senate	There are 9 board members, a student council representative, and a military liaison.	7	Constitution	Standards Board	SBE
Idaho	Partisan ballot	Appointed by and serves at pleasure of SBE	7 appointed by governor; CSSO also serves on SBE	8	5	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Illinois	Appointed by SBE	Appointed by governor	Appointed by governor with consent of Senate	9	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Indiana	Partisan ballot	CSSO serves as chair	10 members appointed by governor, plus elected state superintendent	11	4	Statute	SEA	SBE
Iowa	Appointed by governor	Elected by SBE members (2 year term)	Appointed by governor	9 and 1 nonvoting student member also appointed and serving a 1 year term	6	Statute	Independent Board	SBE
Kansas	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Elected	10	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Kentucky	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor	11 plus 1 additional member, the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, who serves as nonvoting member	4	Statute	PSC	SBE

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Louisiana	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	8 elected by nonpartisan ballot; 3 appointed by governor	11	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Maine	Appointed by governor	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor	9 plus 2 nonvoting student members	5	Statute	SBE	SEA
Maryland	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor	12	4	Statute	SBE	SBE
Massachusetts	Appointed by SBE	Appointed by governor	6 appointed by the governor; 4 voting ex-officio members, 1 student	11	5	Statute	SBE	SBE
Michigan	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Partisan ballot	8	8	Constitution	CSSO	SBE
Minnesota	Appointed by governor	NA	None	NA	NA	None	Standards Board	CSSO
Mississippi	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	5 appointed by governor and 4 appointed by legislature	9	9	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Missouri	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor with consent of Senate	8	8	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Montana	Partisan ballot	Elected by SBE	Appointed by governor	7	7	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Nebraska	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE	Elected by nonpartisan ballot	8	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Nevada	Appointed by governor from 3 nominees provided by SBE	Elected by SBE	4 are elected; 7 are appointed	7	4	Statute	Standards Board	SBE
New Hampshire	Appointed by governor after	Named by governor for 1 year term	Appointed by governor and executive council	7	5	Statute	SBE	SBE

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New Jersey	Appointed by governor	Elected by SBE members	Appointed by the governor	13	6	Statute	SBE	SBE
New Mexico	Appointed by governor	NA	None	NA	NA	None	SEA	SEA
New York	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE members	Appointed by Legislature	16	5	Constitution and Statute	SBE	SBE
North Carolina	Partisan ballot	Elected by SBE members	11 appointed by governor and confirmed by legislature; 2 voting ex-officio members: state treasurer and lt. governor	13	8	Constitution	SBE	SBE
North Dakota	Nonpartisan ballot	Elected by SBE	6 appointed by the governor plus CSSO	7	6	Statute	Standards Board	CSSO
Ohio	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE members (2 year term)	11 elected by nonpartisan ballot; 8 appointed by governor	19	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Oklahoma	Partisan ballot	State superintendent serves as chair	Appointed by governor	7	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Oregon	Appointed by Education Investment Board	Elected by SBE members	Appointed by governor	7	4	Statute	Standards Board	SBE
Pennsylvania	Appointed by governor	Appointed by governor	Appointed by governor, confirmed by Senate	21	6	Statute	SBE	SBE
Rhode Island	Appointed by SBE	Appointed by governor	Appointed by governor, confirmed by Senate	11	3	Statute	SBE	SBE

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South Carolina	Partisan ballot	Elected by SBE members	Appointed by legislature	17	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
South Dakota	Appointed by governor	Elected by SBE members	appointed by governor with consent of the Senate	9	4	Statute	SBE	SBE
Tennessee	Appointment by governor	Elected by SBE members (4 year term)	Appointed by governor and confirmed by General Assembly	9	5 year term, except student member, who serves 1 year	Statute	SBE	SBE
Texas	Appointed by governor	Appointed by governor (2 year term)	Partisan ballot	15	4	Constitution	Independent Board	SEA
Utah	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE members	Partisan ballot	15	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Vermont	Appointed by governor from 3 nominees provided by SBE	Elected by SBE members (2 year term)	9 voting members and 2 nonvoting members appointed by governor with consent of Senate	9	6	Statute	Standards Board	SBE
Virginia	Appointed by governor	Elected by SBE members	Appointed by governor	9	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Washington	Nonpartisan ballot	Elected by SBE members	5 elected by local school board members, 7 appointed by governor and confirmed by Senate; 1 elected by private schools	14	4	Statute	Standards Board	CSSO
West Virginia	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE members	9 appointed by the governor and 3 nonvoting ex-officio members	9	9	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Wisconsin	Nonpartisan ballot	NA	None	NA	NA	None	SEA	CSSO

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Wyoming	Partisan ballot	Elected by SBE members	Appointed by governor	11	6	Statute	Standards Board	SBE
District of Columbia	Chancellor and CSSO are appointed by mayor	Elected by voters at large	Nonpartisan ballot	9	4	Statute	CSSO	SBE
Guam	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE members	6 elected at large; 3 appointed by governor, 1 voting student	10	3 years for appointed, 2 for elected	Statute		
Northern Marianas	Appointed by SBE	Elected by SBE members	Elected	5	4	Constitution		
Virgin Islands	Nominated by governor, approved by senate	Elected by SBE members	Elected	9	4	Statute	SBE	SBE

SBE = state board of education; SEA = state education agency; CSSO = chief state school officer; PSC = professional standards commission