

STATE EDUCATION GOVERNANCE MATRIX

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STATE	SELECTION OF STATE BOARD MEMBERS	SELECTION OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICER	SELECTION OF STATE BOARD CHAIR/PRESIDENT	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	Partisan ballot	SBE appoints	Governor serves as president	8, plus governor	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Alaska	Governor appoints; legislature confirms	SBE appoints with approval by governor	SBE elects	7, plus 2 nonvoting members, including 1 student	5	Statute	SBE	SBE
Arizona	Governor appoints with consent of Senate, except CSSO	Partisan ballot	SBE elects	11 including 1 teacher	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Arkansas	Governor appoints; Senate confirms	SBE appoints	SBE elects	9, plus nonvoting teacher of the year	7	Statute	SBE	SBE
California	Governor appoints 10 with advice and consent of Senate. president pro tempore 1, speaker of the house 1; 1 elected commissioner	Governor appoints; Senate confirms	SBE elects	13, including 1 voting student	4	Constitution	PSC	SBE
Colorado	Partisan ballot	SBE appoints	SBE elects	9	6	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Connecticut	Governor appoints with advice and consent of General Assembly	SBE makes recommendation; governor appoints	Governor appoints	11, plus 2 nonvoting students	4	Statute	SBE	SBE
Delaware	Governor appoints; Senate confirms	Governor appoints	Governor appoints	7, plus 1 nonvoting student and former teacher of the year	6	Statute	SBE	SBE
Florida	Governor appoints; Senate confirms	SBE appoints	SBE elects	7	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Georgia	Governor appoints, with consent of Senate	Partisan ballot	SBE elects	14, plus nonvoting teacher of the year	7	Constitution	PSC	SBE

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Hawaii	Governor appoints with advice and consent of Senate	SBE appoints	Governor appoints chair; SBE elects vice chair	9, plus 2 nonvoting members, including 1 student	3	Constitution	PSC	SBE
Idaho	Governor appoints 7 with consent of Senate; CSSO also serves	Partisan ballot	SBE appoints	8	5	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Illinois	Governor appoints with consent of Senate	Governor proposes; SBE appoints	Governor appoints chair; SBE elects vice chair	9	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Indiana	Governor appoints 8; speaker of the House 1; president pro tempore 1; CSSO also serves	Governor appoints	CSSO serves as chair	11	4	Statute	SEA	SBE
Iowa	Governor appoints; Senate confirms	Governor appoints	SBE elects (2 year term)	9, plus 1 nonvoting student	6	Statute	PSC	SBE
Kansas	Elected	SBE appoints	SBE elects	10	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Kentucky	Governor appoints; Senate confirms	SBE appoints	SBE elects	11, plus 4 nonvoting members, including student and teacher	4	Statute	PSC	SBE
Louisiana	8 elected by nonpartisan ballot; governor appoints 3; Senate confirms	SBE appoints	SBE elects	11	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Maine	Governor appoints	Governor appoints	SBE elects	9, plus 2 nonvoting students	5	Statute	SBE	SEA
Maryland	Governor appoints 13 with advice and consent of Senate; teachers elect 1 teacher	SBE appoints	SBE elects	14 including 1 teacher, parent, and student	4	Statute	SBE	SBE
Massachusetts	Governor appoints 6; 4 voting ex officio members, 1 student	SBE appoints, with approval from secretary	Governor appoints	11 including 1 voting parent and 1 voting student	5	Statute	SBE	SBE

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Michigan	Partisan ballot	SBE appoints	SBE elects	8, plus 1 nonvoting teacher	8	Constitution	CSSO	SBE
Minnesota	None	Governor appoints	NA	NA	NA	None	PSC	CSSO
Mississippi	Governor appoints 5; lt. gov. appoints 2; speaker of the house appoints 2	SBE appoints	SBE elects	9 including 1 teacher, plus 2 nonvoting students	9	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Missouri	Governor appoints, with advice and consent of Senate	SBE appoints	SBE elects	8, plus 1 nonvoting teacher	8	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Montana	Governor appoints; Senate confirms	Partisan ballot	SBE elects	7, plus 4 nonvoting members including 1 student	7	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Nebraska	Nonpartisan ballot	SBE appoints	SBE elects	8	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Nevada	4 elected; governor appoints 3, 2 of whom the legislature nominates; governor appoints 4 nonvoting members	Governor appoints from 3 nominees SBE provides	SBE elects	7 including 1 teacher and 1 parent, plus 4 nonvoting members, including 1 student	4	Statute	PSC	SBE
New Hampshire	Governor and executive council appoints	Governor appoints after consulting SBE; council confirms	Governor appoints	7	4	Statute	SBE	SBE
New Jersey	Governor appoints, with advice and consent of Senate	Governor appoints, with advice and consent of Senate	SBE elects	13, plus 1 nonvoting student	6	Statute	SBE	SBE
New Mexico	None	Governor appoints	NA	NA	NA	None	SEA	SEA

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New York	Legislature appoints	SBE appoints	SBE elects	17	5	Constitution and Statute	SBE	SBE
North Carolina	Governor appoints and legislature confirms 11; 2 voting ex-officio members: state treasurer and lt. gov.	Partisan ballot	SBE elects	13, plus 2 nonvoting students and the teacher of the year	8	Constitution	SBE	SBE
North Dakota	None	Nonpartisan ballot	NA	NA	NA	NA	PSC	CSSO
Ohio	Governor appoints 7 with advice and consent of Senate	SBE appoints	SBE elects (2 year term)	7	4	Constitution	SBE	SEA
Oklahoma	Governor appoints, with advice and consent of Senate	Partisan ballot	CSSO serves as chair	7	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Oregon	Governor appoints; Senate confirms; SBE appoints student	Governor serves as superintendent of education; appoints deputy	SBE elects	9, plus 7 nonvoting members including 2 students and 1 teacher	4	Statute	PSC	SBE
Pennsylvania	Governor appoints 17, Senate confirms; General Assembly appoints 4	Governor appoints	Governor appoints	21, plus 4 nonvoting students	6	Statute	SBE	SBE
Rhode Island	Governor appoints with advice and consent Senate	Council appoints, with advice and consent of SBE	Governor appoints	17, plus 1 nonvoting student and teacher of the year	3	Statute	SBE	SBE
South Carolina	Legislature appoints 16, governor appoints 1	Partisan ballot	SBE elects	17	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE

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South Dakota	Governor appoints with consent of the Senate	Governor appoints	SBE elects	7	4	Statute	SBE	SBE
Tennessee	Governor appoints; General Assembly confirms	Governor appoints	SBE elects (4 year term)	10 including 1 student and teacher	5	Statute	SBE	SBE
Texas	Partisan ballot	Governor appoints	Governor appoints (2 year term)	15	4	Constitution	PSC	SEA
Utah	Partisan ballot	SBE appoints	SBE elects	15	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Vermont	Governor appoints 9 voting members and 2 nonvoting members with consent of Senate	Governor appoints from 3 nominees SBE provides	SBE elects (2 year term)	9 including 1 voting student, plus 1 nonvoting student and the CSSO	6	Statute	PSC	SBE
Virginia	Governor appoints; General Assembly confirms	Governor appoints	SBE elects	9	4	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Washington	Local school board members elect 5; governor appoints and Senate confirms 7; student group selects 2 students; private schools elect 1; CSSO also serves	Nonpartisan ballot	SBE elects	16 including 2 voting students	4	Statute	PSC	CSSO
West Virginia	Governor appoints 9, with consent of Senate; 3 nonvoting ex-officio members	SBE appoints	SBE elects	9	9	Constitution	SBE	SBE
Wisconsin	None	Nonpartisan ballot	NA	NA	NA	None	SEA	CSSO

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Wyoming	Governor appoints; Senate approves	Partisan ballot	SBE elects	12 including 1 teacher	6	Statute	PSC	SBE
District of Columbia	Nonpartisan ballot	Mayor appoints chancellor and CSSO	SBE elects	9, plus 4 students (vote recorded w/o weight)	4	Statute	CSSO	SBE
Guam	6 elected at large; governor appoints 3	SBE appoints	SBE elects	9 including 1 parent, plus 2 nonvoting members including 1 student	3 years for appointed, 2 for elected	Statute		
Northern Marianas	Elected	SBE appoints	SBE elects	5, plus 1 nonvoting student	4	Constitution		
Virgin Islands	Elected	Governor nominates; Senate approves	SBE elects	9	4	Statute	SBE	SBE

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