Methods of Selection

- Election
- Appointment
- Elected/Appointed (Hybrid)
Methods of Selecting State School Board Members

Legend
- Appointment
- Election
- Hybrid
- No State Board

* Indiana has an elected state superintendent. Massachusetts and North Carolina also have ex officio state school board members.
Partisan v Nonpartisan State School Board Elections

*Washington’s state school board has 5 members elected by state school boards and 1 member elected by private schools.
Partisan v Nonpartisan State School Board Elections

Legend
- Partisan Election
- Nonpartisan Election
- Election by Local School Boards
- Other States


*Washington’s state school board has 5 members elected by state school boards and 1 member elected by private schools.
Methods of Selecting State School Board Members

Legend
- Appointment
- Election
- Hybrid
- No State Board

* Indiana has an elected state superintendent. Massachusetts and North Carolina also have ex officio state school board members.
States with Appointed State School Board Members

Legend

- Appointment
- Other States


* Indiana has an elected state superintendent. Massachusetts and North Carolina also have ex officio state school board members.
Method of State School Board Appointment

Legend

Governor Appoints*
Legislature Appoints*
Other States


* Mississippi has state school board members who are appointed by the governor as well as members who are appointed by the Legislature. Indiana has an elected state superintendent. Massachusetts and North Carolina also have ex officio state school board members.
Method of State School Board Appointment

Legend

Governor Appoints
Legislature Appoints
Legislature and Governor Appoint
Other States

* Indiana has an elected state superintendent. Massachusetts and North Carolina also have ex officio state school board members. Mississippi’s gubernatorial appointments do not require legislative approval.
Legislative Consent Required for State School Board Appointments

Legend
- No Legislative Consent
- Legislative Consent
- Legislature Appoints
- Legislature and Governor Appoint
- Other States


* Indiana has an elected state superintendent. Massachusetts and North Carolina also have ex officio state school board members. Mississippi’s gubernatorial appointments do not require legislative approval. New Hampshire requires approval from executive council.
Summary

• 7 states elect
• 36 states appoint
• 4 states do both
• 3 states have no board
Summary

• 7 states elect + • 4 states do both
  • 5 partisan
  • 5 non-partisan*
  • 1 other

• 36 states appoint + • 4 states do both
  • 38 governor appoints
    • 15 legislative consent
    • 23 no legislative consent
  • 3 legislature appoints
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