

# State Education Governance Models (2010)

## Model I

*Governor appoints state board, board appoints/selects chief state school officer*

12 states

Alaska  
Arkansas  
Connecticut  
Florida  
Illinois  
Kentucky  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Missouri  
Rhode Island  
Vermont  
West Virginia

## Model II

*Elected state board, board appoints chief state school officer*

8 states

Alabama  
Colorado  
Hawaii  
Kansas  
Michigan  
Nebraska  
Nevada  
Utah  
Also, Northern Marianas and Guam

## Model III

*Governor appoints state board, independently elected chief state school officer*

11 states

Arizona  
California  
Georgia  
Idaho  
Indiana\*  
Montana  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
Oklahoma\*  
Oregon  
Wyoming

\* chief state school officer also serves as chair of state board

## Model IV

*Governor appoints state board and chief state school officer*

9 states

Delaware  
Iowa  
Maine  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
Pennsylvania  
South Dakota  
Tennessee  
Virginia

## 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)

**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, New Mexico, District of Columbia

**No state board:** Minnesota (gov. appoints chief); Wisconsin (chief elected)

## Chief State School Officer Selection Method

State Board appoints: 24  
*(also Northern Marianas, Guam)*

Governor appoints: 12  
*(also DC mayor, Puerto Rico)*

Elected: 14