

Idaho State Profile

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State profiles for the data visualization and 50-State Comparison on postsecondary governance structures summarize information about coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards, administrative/service agencies, advisory groups and membership organizations. The most in-depth information is provided for statewide and major postsecondary systemwide coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards.

Note: This resource does not include information related to setting tuition rates, administering funding formulas or allocating funds. The state profile information is based primarily on statutes, codes and state and postsecondary system board/agency policies. To the extent possible, Education Commission of the States reached out to state and system officials to verify our information.

State Overview

Idaho's State Board of Education governs the K-12 and public postsecondary education system, which consists of three universities and a state college. Community colleges operate in accordance with policies established by their local board of trustees, except for state appropriations requests, academic and career and technical program offerings and other matters governed by the state board. The superintendent of public instruction is elected and serves on the state board as a voting ex-officio member. The executive director is appointed by the state board of education and serves as a member of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association. The Office of the State Board of Education implements board policies and oversees the public higher education institutions. Idaho's Division of Career and Technical Education is responsible for the secondary, postsecondary, and adult career and technical programs for public school districts and technical colleges.

Data Point	Description
Single Statewide Coordinating or Governing Board/Agency	
Single Statewide Coordinating Board (or Agency) or Governing Board for All Public Higher Education	Yes
Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Idaho State Board of Education



Data Point	Description
Entity Function	Governing
Scope of Authority	Statewide
Legal Authority	Statutory
Legal Authority Notes	Idaho's State Board of Education also is referenced in the state Constitution.
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Type of Institutions Notes	Idaho State Board of Education governs the public postsecondary education system that consists of four institutions, including three universities and a state college. Four community colleges operate in accordance with policies established by their respective local board of trustees, with the exception of state appropriations requests, program offerings and other matters governed by the State Board.
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve or administer bonds - Approve presidential hiring and/or compensation - Approve institutional missions - Determine and/or regulate courses of study - Develop and/or administer academic policies or programs (e.g., admissions, transfer) - Develop master/strategic plans for state or system - Develop and/or oversee accountability or performance measures - Engage in statewide or systemwide policy planning - Ensure system/institutional efficiencies - Ensure academic program and/or institutional quality - Govern systems and/or institutions - Monitor or evaluate system/institutional effectiveness - Oversee residency requirements for tuition purposes - Promote or advocate for institutions - Review existing academic programs - Review or approve facility/capital construction plans



Data Point	Description
Primary Responsibilities Notes	"Idaho's State Board of Education is charged with general supervision, governance and control of all state educational institutions," as indicated in state statute.
Budget Role for Institutions	Approve and recommend
New Academic Program Role	Review and approve
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	State board of education or commissioner/secretary of education
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer Notes	State board of education appoints executive director, who typically engages in postsecondary issues in and for the state.
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	8
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	8
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0
Board Member Composition and Selection	8 members with 7 appointed by governor; appointees must have been a state resident for not less than three years prior to appointment. State superintendent is elected by the general public and serves as a voting ex-officio member of the board, and not appointed by the governor.
Do Institutions Governed (or Coordinated) by a Postsecondary System Board have Individual Governing Boards?	Yes



Data Point	Description
Type of Institutions with Individual Governing Boards	Public two-year
Type of Institutions without Individual Governing Boards	Public four-year
Website	https://boardofed.idaho.gov/
Citations	Title 33 Education, Ch. 1; 33-101 and 107 Idaho State Board of Education Policies, Section III – Postsecondary Affairs Idaho State Board of Education Policies, Sections 1,II and V Idaho Constitution Article IX
Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Idaho Office of the State Board of Education
Entity Function	Administrative/service
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Website	https://boardofed.idaho.gov/
Administrative and Advisory Entities	
Entity Name	Not applicable
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Not applicable
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Not applicable