

## Vermont 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

Vermont’s higher education system is not overseen by a statewide governing or coordinating board. The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees governs four- and two-year institutions, which do not have local governing boards, and appoints the system’s chancellor. The system office carries out board policies, administers academic programs and provides support services to its campuses, among other duties. The University of Vermont’s Board of Trustees governs the institution and appoints the president. Vermont’s Student Assistance Corporation administers financial aid programs and oversees outreach and training programs related to financial assistance.

Data Point	Description
<b>Single Statewide Coordinating or Governing Board/Agency</b>	
Single Statewide Coordinating Board (or Agency) or Governing Board for All Public Higher Education	No
<b>Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards</b>	
Entity Name	Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees
Entity Function	Governing
Scope of Authority	Systemwide



Data Point	Description
Legal Authority	Statutory
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advise and/or provide recommendations to state policy and education leaders</li> <li>- Approve or administer bonds</li> <li>- Approve presidential hiring and/or compensation</li> <li>- Approve institutional missions</li> <li>- Approve of or award degrees and credentials</li> <li>- Develop and/or administer academic policies or programs (e.g., admissions, transfer)</li> <li>- Develop master/strategic plans for state or system</li> <li>- Develop and/or oversee accountability or performance measures</li> <li>- Engage in statewide or systemwide policy planning</li> <li>- Ensure system/institutional efficiencies</li> <li>- Ensure academic program and/or institutional quality</li> <li>- Govern systems and/or institutions</li> <li>- Monitor or evaluate system/institutional effectiveness</li> <li>- Oversee residency requirements for tuition purposes</li> <li>- Promote or advocate for institutions</li> <li>- Recommend or approve establishing, merging or closing institutions</li> <li>- Review existing academic programs</li> <li>- Review or approve facility/capital construction plans</li> <li>- Set faculty and personnel policies</li> </ul>
Budget Role for Institutions	Approve and recommend
New Academic Program Role	Review and approve
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Governing board



Data Point	Description
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	15
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	15
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0
Board Member Composition and Selection	15 members with 5 appointed by governor with advice and consent of Senate; 4 members from the legislature; 4 members elected by the Board of Trustees; 1 student selected by student government association; governor serves as voting ex-officio member. No member can serve on the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont.
Do Institutions Governed (or Coordinated) by a Postsecondary System Board have Individual Governing Boards?	No
Type of Institutions with Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Type of Institutions without Individual Governing Boards	Public four-year and public two-year
Website	<a href="https://www.vsc.edu/board-of-trustees/">https://www.vsc.edu/board-of-trustees/</a>
Citations	Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 16 § 72  Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Policies and Procedures Manual
<b>Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards</b>	



Data Point	Description
Entity Name	Vermont State Colleges System Office
Entity Function	Administrative/service
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Website	<a href="https://www.vsc.edu/">https://www.vsc.edu/</a>
<b>Administrative and Advisory Entities</b>	
Entity Name	Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
Entity Function	Financial aid agency
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Administer state financial aid programs and/or loans</li> <li>- Oversee programs for college outreach, access and/or success</li> <li>- Provide professional development and/or training</li> </ul>
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Not applicable
Website	<a href="http://www.vsac.org/">http://www.vsac.org/</a>
Citations	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 2821
<b>Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards</b>	
Entity Name	Not applicable



Data Point	Description
<b>Membership Organizations</b>	
Entity Name	Association of Vermont Independent Colleges
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Independent/non-profit
Website	<a href="http://www.vermont-icolleges.org/">http://www.vermont-icolleges.org/</a>