

Who is the State Board of Education?

The State Board of Education has 16 members. Seven are appointed by the Governor. Five are elected from the Washington State School Directors' Association. A private school representative, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and two student members (one from eastern Washington and one from western Washington) round out the group.

WHAT DOES THE BOARD DO?

Provide and advocate for policies to improve K-12 education

RECENT EXAMPLES

RECOGNIZING OUR HIGHEST-ACHIEVING SCHOOLS

The State Board's Achievement Index highlights Washington's top performing K-12 schools. The Index, available to all schools and the public continues to be a powerful analytical tool for gauging school performance and targeting areas for improvement.

IDENTIFYING SYSTEM TARGETS AND PERFORMANCE GOALS

The State Board is developing a dynamic website designed to engage education leaders and the public in identifying key measures of school success. Visitors to our site will be able to explore data in rich and meaningful ways and contribute to the conversation on how we can use data to frame our current system and develop policies to improve it.

IMPROVING WASHINGTON STATE'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The graduation credit requirements for the class of 2012 have been in place since 1985. With changes long overdue, the State Board has taken steps to advance a rigorous and flexible graduation requirements framework to equip all students with the skills and knowledge needed for postsecondary opportunities.



Board Members

Jeff Vincent, Chair; Dr. Steve Dal Porto, Vice Chair; Mary Jean Ryan; Dr. Bernal Baca; Dr. Kristina L. Mayer; Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Amy Bragdon; Connie Fletcher; Dr. Sheila Fox; Phyllis Bunker Frank; Bob Hughes; Tre' Maxie; John C. Schuster; Jared Costanzo, Student; Matthew Spencer, Student



With the Board's November 2011 vote, all Washington high school graduates in the classes of 2016 (or 2018 with extension) and beyond will now take four credits of English and three credits of social studies.