

# OVERVIEW - BOES Creation, Powers, Duties, Responsibilities

(This is just a brief summary and not all inclusive. Consult actual law for details)

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## THE LAW

**Created:** 7 member, Gov appoints, Senate confirms, 4 year term ending Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 consecutive term max, more with 2 year lapse. Exists within DOE.

Meet minimum 4 times per year, Specials at call of President, BOES majority, or Secretary's call

## Material Duties/Powers/Responsibilities (a very brief summary):

- Shall promulgate standards for classification and accreditation, and preparation of certified personnel, procedures for state aid eligibility, & establish curriculum requirements for all schools. High School program to include rigorous curriculum aligned with standards and tested standards. But No specific curriculum or methods of instruction. (All schools must substantially conform
- Can adopt rules governing libraries, but No minimum expenditure.
- Duty to consider K-12 needs and recommend to Governor and Legislature
- BOES & DOE work jointly with other state agencies to ensure children enter ready to learn.
- ***BOES & DOE to develop standards/practices ensuring by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade all children to best of ability have learned fundamental reading, math, language, science, technology skill for foundational learning. By 12<sup>th</sup> grade, students have learned education & personal skills to enter adulthood as responsible members of society.***
- Implement National Board of Professional Teaching Standards program guidelines.
- BOES shall examine school personnel prep & certification programs, identify deficiencies, establish revisions to deliver more qualified staff. Alternative certification required for administrators by test.
- BOES must establish minimum performance and best evaluation practices for use by local schools.
- BOES shall consult suicide prevention experts and identify resources to fulfill suicide prevention training.
- Require Professional Administrators Practices & Standards Commission to submit reports, info, records that BOES deems appropriate
- BOES shall annually provide an accountability report to Legislature's Gov't Ops & Audit Committee
- hear parental appeals from local school denial of certain absences.
- Make state plan(s) career and technical education in secondary schools.

## Make Rules to/for (brief summary):

- define data required for education funding, academic progress, state/federal reporting, or other duties required by law.
- state accountability system (objectives, testing, measuring progress, etc.)
- govern contracts with US Dept of Interior for Indian children, to receive and expend.
- operation and scheduling year around schools.
- regulating school buses and routes.
- control of medication and policies/procedures for student health services.
- governing students' due process rights in suspension/expulsion.
- regulating a distance learning provider.
- school food service programs.
- define special education needs for up to age 21 and standards for birth through age 2.
- establishing process, timelines & criteria for DOE early intervention special education funding.
- governing state and local to receive & expend tech education funds.
- criteria to maintain a license as teacher, administrator or education professional.
- duties & qualifications for "mentor teachers."