

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**BRIAN J. WHISTON,
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The **State Board of Education** was first provided for in the Constitution of 1850 and currently exists through the provisions of Article VIII, Section 3, of the Constitution of 1963. The state board is composed of eight members nominated by party conventions and elected at-large for terms of eight years, with two members being elected at each biennial state general election. The governor is authorized to fill vacancies on the state board and also serves as an ex officio member of the state board, without the right to vote. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is appointed by the board for a term to be determined by the board, to serve as its chair, without the right to vote.

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Term expires

CASANDRA E. ULBRICH, Rochester Hills (Co-President)	Jan. 1, 2023
RICHARD ZEILE, Dearborn (Co-President)	Jan. 1, 2019
MICHELLE FECTEAU, Detroit (Secretary)	Jan. 1, 2021
TOM McMILLIN, Rochester Hills (Treasurer).	Jan. 1, 2025
NIKKI SNYDER, Pinckney (NASBE Delegate)	Jan. 1, 2025
PAMELA PUGH, Saginaw	Jan. 1, 2023
LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY, Grand Rapids	Jan. 1, 2021
EILEEN WEISER, Ann Arbor	Jan. 1, 2019

ex officio

RICK SNYDER, Governor
BRIAN J. WHISTON, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chair

Michigan State Board of Education

The State Board of Education exercises its constitutional duties of leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except for institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It serves as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and advises the legislature as to the financial requirements for public education.

The ***Office of the State Board of Education*** is responsible for supervising, managing, and coordinating all activities of the State Board of Education, including policy development, operations, and communications.

The ***State Board Executive*** is responsible as the legal repository of all State Board of Education activities and records. The State Board Executive prepares all State Board of Education correspondence, expenses, budget, and scheduling; and prepares all State Board of Education meeting agendas, minutes, and follow-up materials.

The State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education’s Mission is: “Supporting Learning and Learners.”

The **Superintendent of Public Instruction** is appointed by and responsible to the State Board of Education. The superintendent is the principal executive officer of the Department of Education and is a member of the State Administrative Board. The superintendent is the chair and a nonvoting member of the State Board of Education. The superintendent also serves on the Public School Employees’ Retirement Board, the Library of Michigan Board, and the Michigan State Safety Commission. The superintendent is an ex officio member of the State Tenure Commission.

As the principal executive officer of the Department of Education, the superintendent of public instruction is responsible for assisting the State Board of Education in advising the legislature. The superintendent is responsible for the day-to-day management, supervision, and leadership of the department.

Major departmental responsibilities include: educator preparation and certification; providing technical assistance to schools in the areas of education improvement and innovation, special education, grants, transportation, health, and food programs; statewide student assessment; school accountability; career and technical education; early childhood learning; distribution of state school aid; and overseeing the distribution and use of federal education program funding. The department also operates the Library of Michigan and the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint.

The **Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction** includes a chief deputy superintendent; a deputy superintendent for finance and operations; a deputy superintendent for P-20 system and student transitions; a deputy superintendent for educator, student, and school supports; the State Board Office; and the director of the Office of Public and Governmental Affairs.

The Department of Education also includes the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council, the Michigan Special Education Advisory Committee, State Tenure Commission, and the Library of Michigan Board.



MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

As part of the statewide delivery of special education services, the Michigan Department of Education operates a residential academic facility for deaf and hard of hearing students who are residents of the state. Student placement is based on individual student needs via the individualized educational program team process that is coordinated by the student’s local school district.

Bilingual instruction in American Sign Language and English provides access to a general education curriculum which is based on the Common Core Standards and adheres to the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements, and alternatively, provides an avenue to obtain a Certificate of Completion.

The school was founded in 1848 and opened its doors to the first pupil in 1854.

	FY 2015	FY 2016
Average Number of Students	141	161
Legislative Appropriation ¹	\$11,363,000	\$11,395,800
Expenditures		
Salary of Principal ²	\$94,092	\$84,893
Salaries, Wages, Fringe Benefits	5,399,610	5,462,896
Contractual Services, Supplies, Materials	4,525,094	4,459,563
Travel	16,509	16,667
Total	\$10,035,305	\$10,024,020

¹Michigan School for the Deaf (MSD) shares its operations appropriation with the Low Incidence Outreach Program (former Michigan School for the Blind). Amounts shown are for MSD use only.

²Partial year in FY 2016.