

North Dakota 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

The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education is a single statewide governing board for public postsecondary education and appoints the system chancellor. The board of higher education also oversees extension service centers and research institutes. The system office implements board policies, administers academic and financial aid programs, and publishes various data reports on higher education, among other responsibilities. The system’s four- and two-year institutions do not have local governing boards.

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	North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Entity Function	Governing
Scope of Authority	Statewide



Data Point	Description
Legal Authority	Constitutional
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"> - Administer state financial aid programs and/or loans - Approve or oversee interstate compacts and reciprocity agreements (e.g., SARA, tuition agreements) - Approve presidential hiring and/or compensation - Approve institutional missions - Develop master/strategic plans for state or system - Ensure system/institutional efficiencies - Ensure academic program and/or institutional quality - Govern systems and/or institutions - Recommend or approve establishing, merging or closing institutions
Budget Role for Institutions	Approve and recommend
New Academic Program Role	Review and approve
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Governing board
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	10
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	10
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0



Data Point	Description
Board Member Composition and Selection	10 members with 8, including one student, appointed by governor. All appointed members, except the student are subject to confirmation by Senate. Staff adviser, non-voting, appointed by Staff Senate and faculty adviser, non-voting, appointed by Council of College Faculties.
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	https://www.ndus.edu/board/
Citations	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 15-10-01.2 Section 6 of article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Policies
Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards	
Entity Name	North Dakota University System Office
Entity Function	Administrative/service
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Website	https://www.ndus.edu/board/



Data Point	Description
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