



North Carolina Public School Strong ELECTED OFFICES DEFINITIONS 2024



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Elected officials are the ones responsible for creating and carrying out much of the policy that governs public school operations. Below are seven positions and their power over public schools. These positions are up for election and will appear on the November 2024 ballot in North Carolina.*

Office	What they have to do with public schools
State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Leads the Department of Public Instruction, the executive branch body in charge of overseeing the day-to-day operation of public schools.
NC State Supreme Court Judges	Decides on cases related to public education, like the Leandro case. It is not an exaggeration to say that the future of education in North Carolina hinges on the North Carolina Supreme Court's decision on whether to require the NCGA to meet the requirements of our state constitution and properly fund public education. Other issues about school vouchers and charter schools are also decided by the judges elected by NC voters.
Governor	Appoints several members of the State Board of Education. Sets the tone about public education in NC.
Lieutenant Governor	Sits on the State Board of Education, President of the NC Senate, and may cast tie breaking votes.
NC General Assembly (NC Senate and NC House)	Sets state tax policy, determines how much revenue the state will have, then creates a budget that includes how much is spent on public education. They also determine how much school funding comes from local (county) government, and it sets policy to specify how education money is spent.
School Board	Carry out the educational program and set local policy according to the parameters determined by the Department of Public Instruction.
County Commission	Set county tax rates to collect then appropriate funds for school construction and maintenance, and, at their discretion, provide additional operating funds to supplement state funding

* [more info is available here](#)