Who makes the decisions in education? Check out the diagram below!

**Governor**
- Is elected
- Develops and presents budget for education
- Proposes education initiatives
- Establishes education policy through state laws
- Ensures education funding meets constitutional mandates for adequacy, equity, and efficiency

**State Board of Education**
- 9-member board appointed by the Governor to serve 7-year terms
- Determines education policy for the state, as authorized by the General Assembly
- Provides general supervision of districts

**Arkansas Department of Education**
- A state agency; Commission is appointed by the Governor and approved by the State Board of Education
- Monitors the compliance of federal and state education laws
- Implements policies set by the State Board of Education
- Provides leadership, support, and services to school districts

**Local School Boards**
- 5, 7, or 9 locally-elected members; Superintendent is employed by the board to oversee the day-to-day operations of the district
- Adheres to federal and state education laws
- Adheres to policies set by the State Board of Education
- Determines education policies for the district
- Ensures financial, academic, and facilities health of the district
- Hires administrators, teachers, and staff of schools

**School Districts**
- A public school - traditional or charter
- Adheres to federal and state laws
- Adheres to policies set by the State Board of Education
- Adheres to policies set by the local school board
- Provides local education services to students; determines local curricula and instructional materials

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