

# Who's Who in Education?

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



## Governor

- Governor is elected
- Develops and presents budget for education
- Proposes education initiatives

## General Assembly

- 100 Representatives and 35 Senators are elected members
- Establishes education policy through state laws
- Ensures education funding meets constitutional mandate 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; Commissioner 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