



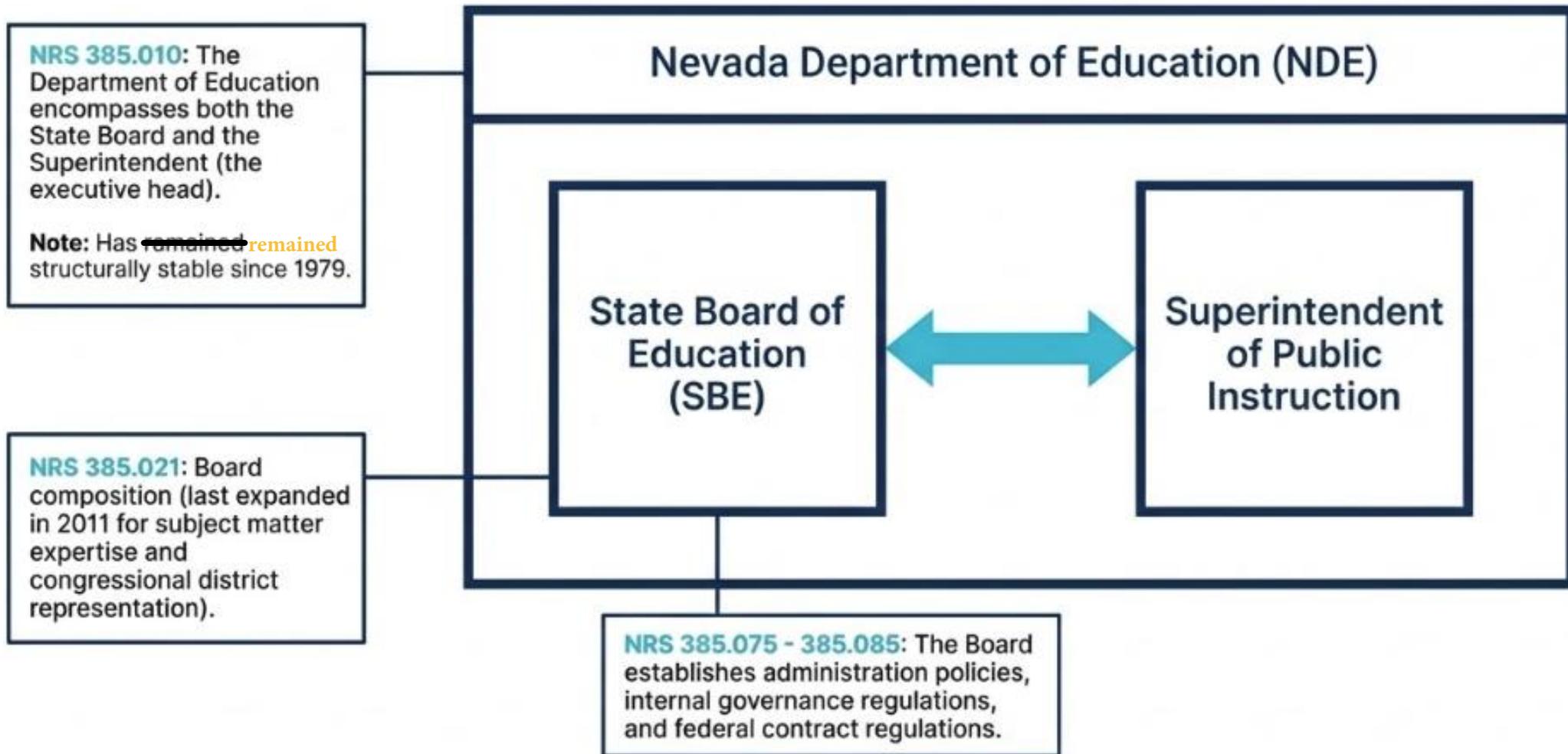
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# 2023 and 2025 Legislative Changes to State Board of Education Responsibilities

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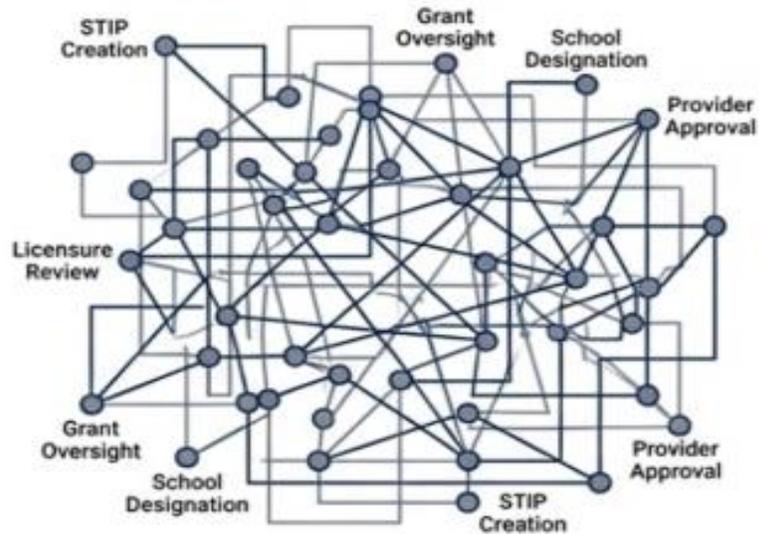
# Foundations of State Educational Authority



# Evolving Role of the State Board

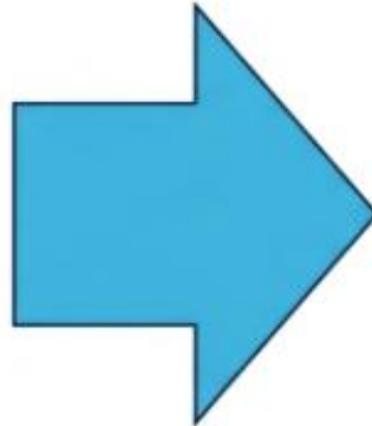


## The Shift Away From...

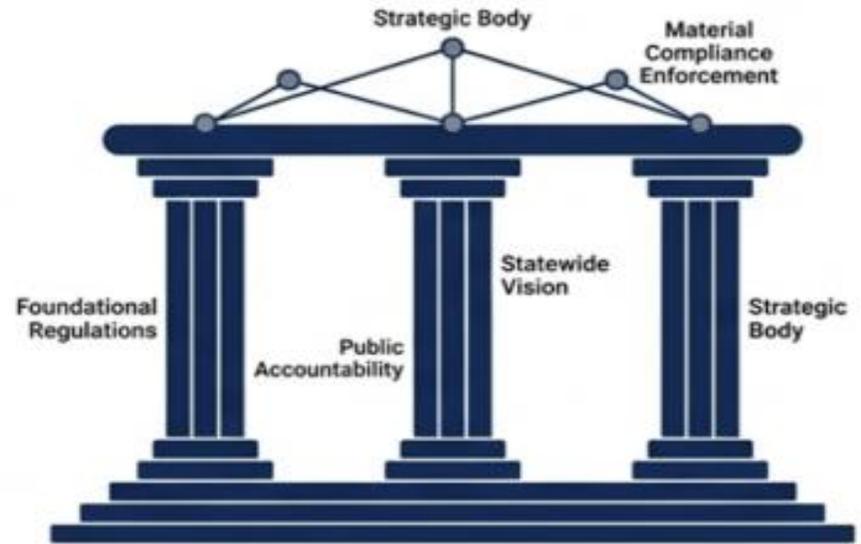


### Granular Administrative Oversight.

The 2023 and 2025 legislative sessions systematically transferred heavy administrative burdens—such as creating the STIP, reviewing individual licensure providers, overseeing grants, and designating low-performing schools—to the Department of Education.



## The Shift Towards...

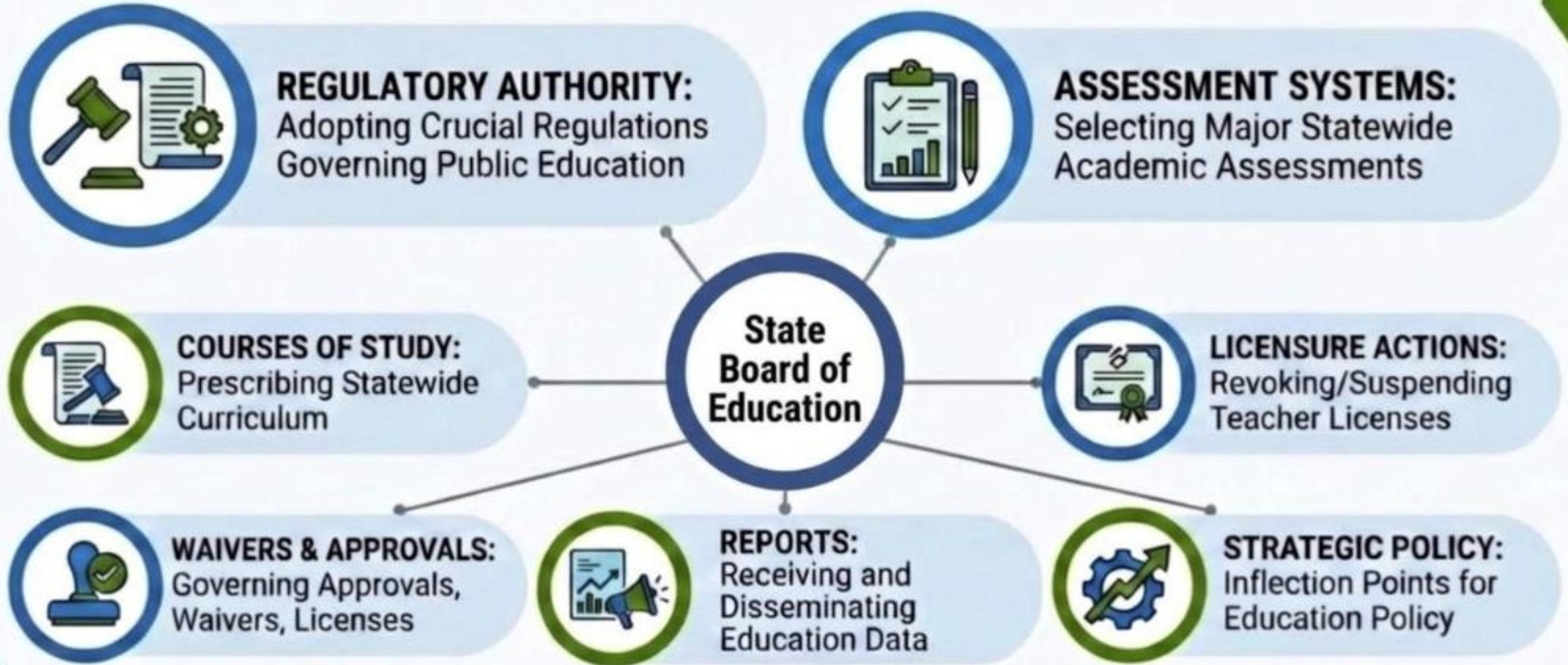


### High-Level Strategic Governance.

By shedding operational bottlenecks, the State Board is repositioned as a premier strategic, regulatory, and visionary body. Its focus is now concentrated on adopting foundational regulations, ensuring ultimate public accountability, collaborating on statewide visions, and enforcing material compliance.

A deliberate legislative realignment: empowering the Department to operate, while empowering the Board to govern.

# Duties of the Board



# Breadth of Regulatory Authority



 <b>Academics &amp; Curriculum</b>	 <b>School Operations</b>	 <b>Educator &amp; Student Standards</b>
<p>Courses of Study (385.114 / 389.003 / 389.520)</p> <hr/> <p>English Learners (388.405)</p> <hr/> <p>Special Education (388.419)</p> <hr/> <p>Distance Education (388.874)</p> <hr/> <p>CTE (388.360)</p> <hr/> <p>Diploma Standards &amp; Grading (389.007 / 390.600 / 390.700)</p> <hr/> <p>Dual Credit (389.160)</p> <hr/> <p>Model Curriculum (389.026)</p> <hr/> <p>Drivers Ed (389.090)</p> <hr/> <p>Middle School Courses (392.033)</p>	<p>School Calendars &amp; Instructional Time (388.090)</p> <hr/> <p>Standard Plans for Buildings (385.125)</p> <hr/> <p>Set Per-Pupil Ratios (387.1234)</p> <hr/> <p>Recommend Specialized Instruction Ratios (388.890)</p> <hr/> <p>Informational Programming re: Missing Children (385.115)</p>	<p>Educator Performance Framework (391.465)</p> <hr/> <p>Professional Development Standards (391A.370)</p> <hr/> <p>Private School Criteria (394.221)</p>

# Assessment Systems



## **NRS 390.055**

Select High School Equivalency Assessment



## **NRS 390.105**

Select Criterion-Referenced Exams



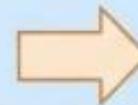
## **NRS 390.610**

Select the College and Career Readiness Assessment



## **NRS 388.157**

Cut Scores and Data Standards for Literacy Assessments, Selection of Statewide Literacy Assessment



- Amended by SB460 (2025) to allow districts to select their own assessment



## FORMER STATE BOARD ROLE



- **NRS 391A:** Oversight of Education Scholarships and Grant Programs



- **NRS 391.039:** Annually Review Teacher Licensure Providers



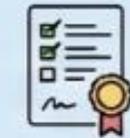
- **NRS 391.320 & 390.410:** Revoke/Suspend Teacher Licenses & Hear Whistleblower Appeals



## NEW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ROLE



- Oversight of Education Scholarships and Grant Programs



- Annually Review Teacher Licensure Providers

# Maintaining Transparency Through Public Reporting



## Student Welfare & Discipline

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- Discipline Data (NRS 385.114)
- Academic Progress of Foster Children (NRS 388E.145)

## Operational Accountability

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- Student's Internet Access (NRS 385.820)
- State and Local Accountability Reports (NRS 385A.090 / 385A.400)

## Educator Climate

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- Educator Exit/Transfer, Climate, and Workforce Condition Surveys (NRS 385A.XXX via SB81)

## NRS 385.111-113: School Improvement & STIP



**ORIGINAL REQUIREMENT:**  
Develop 5-year strategic plan, goals, benchmarks. Review annually.



**SB460 (2025) CHANGE:**  
Responsibility shifted to Department. **Consultation with State Board.**

## NRS 385.230: Annual State of Education Report



**ORIGINAL REQUIREMENT:**  
Create vision/mission, report on progress.



**SB460 (2025) CHANGE:**  
Responsibility shifted to Department. **Collaboration with State Board. Board adopts own vision/mission.**

# Waivers and Approvals



**NRS 388.700:  
Pupil-Teacher Ratio  
Waiver Requests**

- Revised by SB460 and SB81 to a single annual process



**NRS 388G.130:  
Empowerment School  
Plans & Waivers  
(Not active)**



**NRS 394.251:  
Private School Licenses**

# Changes to Policy Scope and Responsibilities



## REPEALED & OLDER POLICIES



- **NRS 391.027:** Review Regulations (Commission on Professional Standards)  
- Repealed by SB460 (2025)



- **NRS 392.457:** Adopt Policy for Parental Involvement



## NEW SB460 RESPONSIBILITIES (K-3 STEM & COMPLIANCE)



- **NRS 389.XXX:** Determine development of model curriculum *following K-3 STEM Literacy Pilot and Findings* (per SB460)



- **NRS 385A.XXX:** Board may issue written complaint for material noncompliance *to district/charter sponsor* (per SB460)



## INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE VISION (NRS 385.920)



- Develop statewide vision and implementation plan *to improve public education*



- **SB425 (2023):** Created council, distinguished plan from STIP



- **SB460 (2025):** Moved tasks *from Commission on School Funding* to this Commission

# Courses of Study



**NRS 389.003:** Adopt Courses of Study



**NRS 388.874:** Review Distance Education Courses



**NRS 389.160:** Review Dual Credit Courses



**NRS 389.850:** Approve Textbooks



**NRS 385.114:** State Board shall prescribe and enforce the courses of study for the public schools in this state.

- SB343 (2025) amended these provisions to abolish the Council to Establish Academic Standards; the Council has since been replaced with Department processes for the development of content standards.