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Who makes education decisions?



At the state level, decisions about education policy are made by several authorities. State lawmakers, the state board of education, the WDE under the direction of the Superintendent, and representatives of local districts all contribute to the process. Teaching and learning are a local issue and decisions are made by parents, teachers, and students who are represented by the local school board.



Four Questions about Wyoming Education Today

Who makes education decisions in Wyoming?

People and Students of Wyoming

- ★ **School and Classroom**
Teachers, parents, students work together to do the work of teaching and learning.
- ★ **Local School Boards and Superintendents**
Citizens elect county school boards; school boards appoint superintendents and administrators which make curriculum and policy decisions.
- ★ **Lawmakers**
Education committees in Wyoming legislature (representatives, senators) create laws to govern education.
- ★ **Wyoming Department of Education**
The Superintendent of Public Instruction is an elected official who oversees Wyoming schools and the Wyoming Department of Education. The WDE implements laws/policies of lawmakers.
- ★ **State Board of Education**
The State Board of Education (SBoE) sets policy based on laws passed by legislature and signed by the governor.

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ACCOUNTABILITY ASSESSMENT STANDARDS



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What **tests** will my student take?

School-level

Teachers use tests, quizzes, and observations to guide and evaluate student learning.



District-level

Wyoming law dictates the use of a computerized test to gauge student learning in certain subjects. Districts may also create an assessment system often called Body of Evidence (BOE).



State-level

- PAWS/SAWS;
- ACT Suite (Explore®, Plan®, ACT®);
- Wy-ALT (for students with significant cognitive disabilities)



At the state level, data from tests are used in the school accountability systems, which in turn provide information about each school's performance. This aims to provide Wyoming students a quality education.

At the local level, tests can inform school and district educators, parents and students. Schools can use the information to improve their school and examine programs, services, curriculum and instruction.

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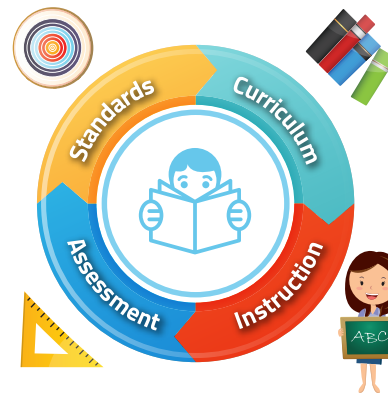
What are students **learning**?

Standards

Standards aim to provide all Wyoming students an equal, quality education. They try to define what Wyoming students should know and be able to do.

Curriculum

Curriculum is set by districts, schools, and teachers to help students achieve. Curriculum is a plan for instruction and guides the purchasing of materials and the process for evaluation to see if standards are met.



Instruction

Instruction is the education performed by the teacher, the process of imparting knowledge. Teachers provide input on curriculum and teach students using materials, methods, and formal and informal testing--while adapting to students.

Assessments

Assessments or tests indicate how well students are learning certain subjects. The state uses tests to indicate the strengths and weaknesses of schools.

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How's **my school** doing?



State and Federal governments mandated accountability systems. The aim was to provide information about the education Wyoming students achieve in certain subjects. This data could help local districts, schools and teachers to provide the best education possible.