

Tenure of Ohio's Chief State School Officers						
Name	Year Appointed	Tenure	Appointed by			
State Commissioner of Common Schools						
Samuel Lewis	1837	4 years	General Assembly			
(Secretaries of State)	1840-54					
Hiram H. Barney	1854	4 years	Elected by voters			
Anson Smythe	1857	7 years	Elected by voters			
C. W. H. Cathcart	1863	less than 1 year	Elected by voters			
Emerson E. White	1863	4 years	Appointed to unexp term			
John A. Norris	1866	4 years	Elected by voters			
William D. Henkle	1869	3 years	Elected by voters			
Thomas W. Harvey	1871	5 years	Elected by voters			
Charles C. Smart	1875	4 years	Elected by voters			
James J. Burns	1878	4 years	Elected by voters	Average Tenure = 3 years		
D. F. DeWolf	1881	4 years	Elected by voters			
Leroy D. Brown	1884	4 years	Elected by voters			
Eli T. Tappan	1887	2 years	Elected by voters			
John Hancock	1888	4 years	Elected by voters			
Charles C. Miller	1891	2 years	Appointed to unexp term			
Oscar T. Corson	1892	7 years	Elected by voters			
Lewis D. Bonebreak	1898	7 years	Elected by voters			
Edmund A. Jones	1904	6 years	Elected by voters			
John W. Zeller	1909	3 years	Elected by voters			
Frank W. Miller	1911	3 years	Elected by voters			
State Superintendent of Public Instruction (title changed)						
Frank W. Miller	1913	3 years	Elected by voters			
Frank B. Perason	1916	5 years	Elected by voters			
Vernon W. Riegel	1920	2 years	Elected by voters			
Director of Education						
Vernon W. Riegel	1921	6 years	Governor			
John L. Clifton	1927	4 years	Governor			
Beverly O. Skinner	1931	4 years	Governor			
E. L. Bowsher	1935	2 years	Governor	Average Tenure = 4 years		
E. N. Dietrich	1937	3 years	Governor			
Kenneth C. Ray	1941	4 years	Governor			
Clyde Hissong	1945	8 years	Governor			
R. M. Eyman	1955	2 years	Governor			
Superintendent of Public Instruction						
E. E. Holt	1957	10 years	State Board of Education	Average Tenure = 12 years (All-elected state board)		
Martin W. Essex	1967	10 years	State Board of Education			
Franklin B. Walter	1977	16 years	State Board of Education			
Ted Sanders	1993	2 years	State Board of Education	Average Tenure = 4.6 years (Eight Governor appointees on state board)		
John Goff	1995	4 years	State Board of Education			
Susan Tave Zelman	2000	8 years	State Board of Education			
Compromising of State Board by Direct Partisan Influence from Governor Begins						
Deborah S. Delisle	2008	2 years	??			
Stan Heffner	2011	2 years	??	Average Tenure = 1.8 years (Governors dictating to state board)		
Michael Sawyers	2012	less than 1 year	??			
Richard A. Ross	2012	3 years	??			
Lonny J. Rivera	2016		??			
Which governance structure has produced the most stable leadership? Which has produced the least stable?						