



School District Boundaries and Reorganization Policies



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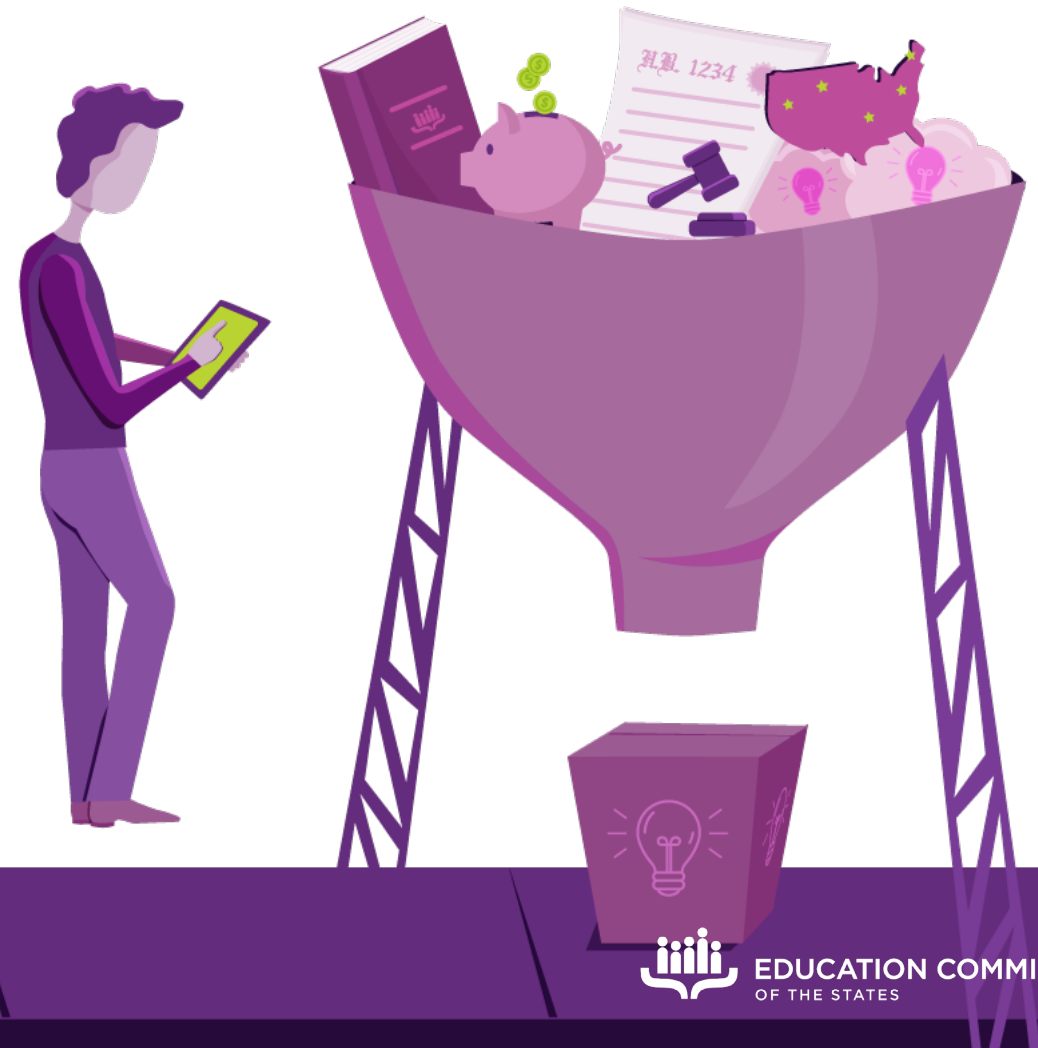
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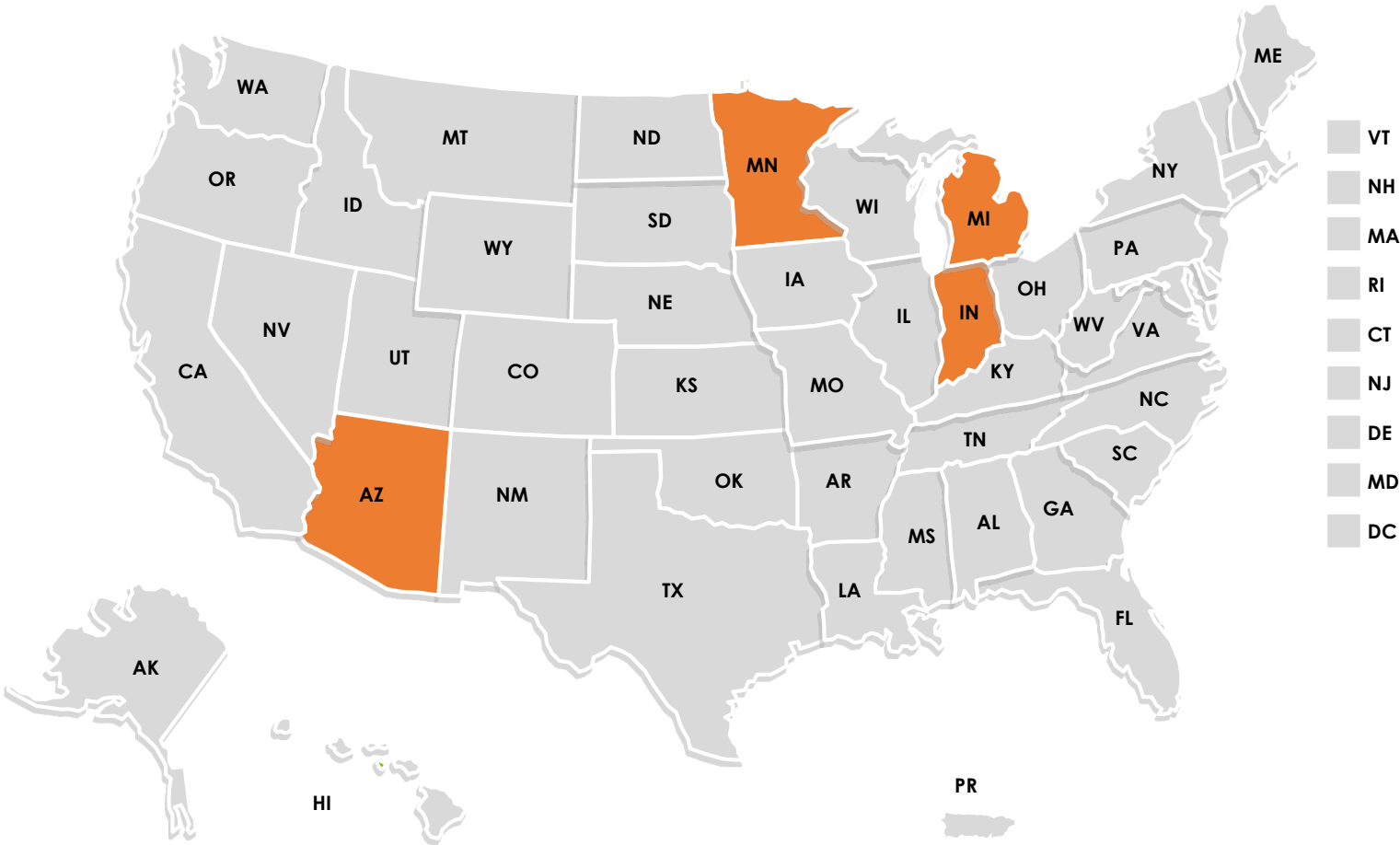


Request for information

- How are public **school boundaries** created in other states?
- What are the school **district reorganization** processes in other states?



States Highlighted





School District Boundaries and State Policy

- School boundary creation.
- Limited state role.
- Adjudicating boundary disputes.



State Example


The **Minnesota** Department of Education explicitly states they do not determine school districts' attendance boundaries.

Source: <https://gisdata.mn.gov/dataset/bdry-school-district-boundaries>

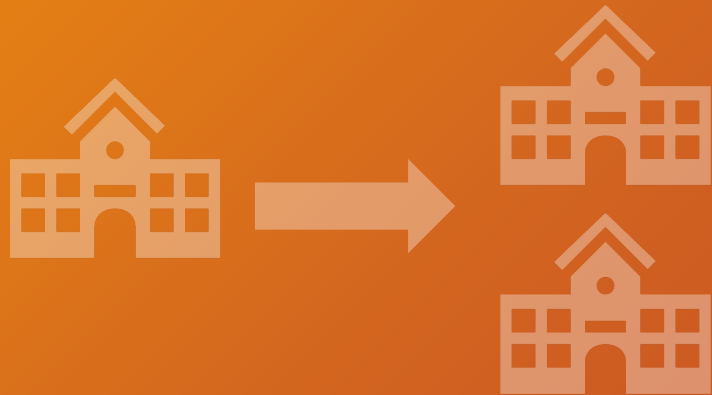


Types of School District Reorganization

- Consolidation
- District Subdivision
- Transfer of Territory/
Property Transfer
- Annexation
- Annexation and Transfer



The School District Reorganization Process




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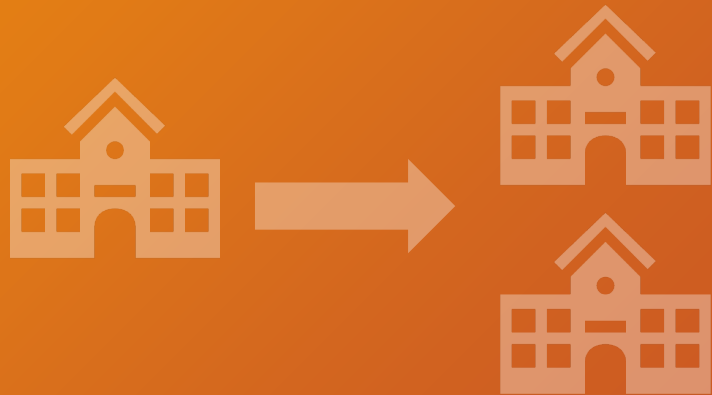


State Example

Michigan allows two local boards of education to pass a joint consolidation process, which the state must approve.



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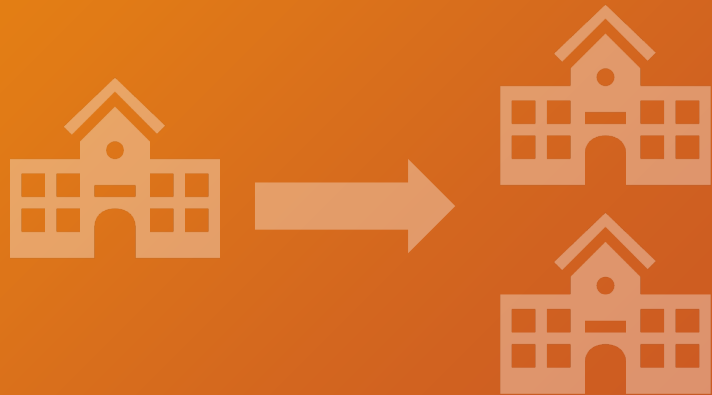


State Example

Arizona requires county superintendents to prepare an impact report, detailing how the consolidation will affect the existing districts' operations and includes a consolidation plan.



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RESOURCES

- AZ Joint Legislative Study Committee on School District Unification and Consolidation ([link](#))
- **Consolidation of Schools and Districts: What the Research Says and What It Means** ([link](#))
- Deconsolidation Challenges and Considerations: A Lesson From Clark County, Nev. ([link](#))
- **In Education Funding, Size Does Matter** ([link](#))
- School District Consolidation: The Benefits and Costs ([link](#))
- **WA State Guidelines for Changing School District Boundaries** ([link](#))



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