

I. Executive Branch

- A. Governor
- B. Lieutenant Governor
- C. Attorney General
- D. Comptroller (Chief Fiscal Officer)
- E. State Government Departments
 1. Twenty Departments in total (DMV, Labor, Taxation, etc)
 2. Education Department (<http://www.nysed.gov>)
 - a) *Supervises NY State School Districts*
 - b) *Oversees Standardized Testing*
 - c) *Produces & Administers State Tests, including Regents*
 - d) *Headed by Regents of the University of the State of NY (<http://www.regents.nysed.gov>)*
 - (1) Licenses and accredits all NY schools, pre-K through Grade School
 - (2) Sometimes known as the Board of Regents
 - (3) Seventeen Regents elected by the State Legislature for 5-year terms (One for each of the NY's 13 Judicial Districts & 4 Members-at-Large)
 - (4) Regents elect a Chancellor to lead
 - e) *For an organizational chart of the New York State Education Department, click on the following link (<http://www.nysed.gov/about/orgchart>)*

II. Legislative Branch (New York State Legislature)

- A. Senate (<http://www.nysenate.gov/about>)
 1. 63 Members from equal-sized districts
 2. The body elects a "Temporary President" as Leader
 3. Elected to 2-Year terms (no term limits)
 4. Confirms Governor's judicial & non-elected appointments
 5. North Shore School District is part of two Senatorial Districts
 - a) *Vast majority in District 5*
 - b) *Small area in District 7*
- B. Assembly (<http://assembly.state.ny.us>)
 1. 150 Members from equal-sized districts
 2. The Body elects a Speaker as Leader
 3. Elected to 2-Year Terms (no term limits)
 4. North Shore School District is part of three Assembly Districts
 - a) *District 13, District 19, District 15*
- C. Role
 1. Create Laws (to present to the Governor to sign)
 2. Override Governor's veto with 2/3 vote in each House
 3. Authorize referenda with majority vote, for Constitutional Amendments, with are then subject to a public vote.
- D. NY's full list of laws enacted by the legislature is called the "Consolidated Laws of New York" and can be found on this New York State Legislature page (<http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/lawssrch.cgi?NVLWO:>)