

Clerking in new contexts: LA maintained governing board

Board composition

It helps to be able to compare board size and member categories in different types of school organization.

Board Size and board member category	Maintained school	Maintained school federation	Foundation school		Voluntary Controlled (VC) school	Voluntary Aided (VA) school
			Minority	Majority		
Total number	Minimum 7	Minimum 7	No minimum or maximum	Minimum 12	Minimum 7	Minimum 12
Parent governor	Minimum 2 (elected)	Must have 1 from each school	2	2	Minimum 2	Minimum 2
Senior executive leader	Yes	Yes, from each school	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Local Authority governor	1 (nominated by LA)	1 (nominated by LA)	1 (nominated by LA)	1 (nominated by LA)	1 (nominated by LA)	1 (nominated by LA)
Co-opted governor	Minimum 2	No minimum or maximum		Must always be at least 2 fewer than Foundation governors.	No minimum or maximum	No limit but must be outnumbered by Foundation governors
Partnership governor	-	-	Minimum 2 (but no more than a ¼ of the governing board)		-	
Staff governor	Maximum 1 (elected)	1 (elected)		1 (elected)	Minimum 1 (elected)	1 (elected)
Foundation governor	-	-	Minimum 2 (but no more than 45% of the governing board)	7 for an overall majority of up to 2 places	Minimum 2 but no more than ¼ of the governing board	No minimum or maximum but must outnumber other governor categories by 2
Notes	The recommendation is that governing boards should be no larger than necessary to carry out their role					