

Types of school and categories of governor

There are a number of different types of state schools in England:

- community
- voluntary controlled
- voluntary aided
- foundation
- trust – a type of foundation school
- academies & City Technology Colleges (CTCs) – independent state funded schools

There are also different categories of governor:

- parent
- staff
- community
- foundation
- partnership
- local authority

Who are appointed in different ways.

Within limits, governing bodies are free to determine their own size and membership. Regulations specify the minimum number of governors (currently 9, but about to change to 7) and also what proportion of governors in each category the different types of school should have.