

Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is a semi-independent agency which comprises the fourteen publicly owned state universities. The Board of the entity establishes broad fiscal, personnel, and educational policies, as well as procedures of instruction for undergraduate and graduate students to and beyond the master's degree in the liberal arts and sciences, and in the applied fields, including the teaching profession. . Under the Chancellor's direction, the university presidents, line officers, and support staff provide System-wide management in such areas as academic policy and planning, business affairs, faculty and staff affairs, legislative policy, institutional research, legal affairs, capital planning, equal educational opportunities, and advancement.

The publications of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education contain impact studies. Selected topics from these publications include agency impact on economics and employment. The bulk of the current material is dated from 2021.

Biographical / Historical

The State System of Higher Education (SSHE) was created by Act 188 of 1982, and made effective on July 1, 1983. The state universities spent the first 100 years of existence training teachers for Pennsylvania's K-12 schools. The Normal School Act of 1857 established regional teacher training institutions throughout the Commonwealth. The School Code of 1911 called for the state purchase of all normal schools, and by 1921 the current configuration of 14 publicly owned universities was established. The 14 normal schools evolved from state normal schools, to state teachers colleges, to state colleges. When Act 188 created Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, the 13 former state colleges joined Indiana University of Pennsylvania to achieve university status.

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit:

<https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class185>.

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