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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZERS

2015 STATE POLICY ANALYSIS

This is not a rating of the quality of the charter schools in each state, for state laws are only one factor affecting school quality.

This is not a rating of the actions of the authorizers in each state, for authorizers often develop practices that work around weaknesses or vagaries in state law.

WHAT IS IN THIS REPORT

A narrative highlighting NACSA's policies and changes that have been made this year in state laws.

A two page spread for each state highlighting their rank and score, as well as state context and NACSA recommendations.

HOW THE REPORT IS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

Framed in *Principles & Standards*

Policy expression of core NACSA identity

One Ranking

Eliminated divergent rankings within three groups to simplify the tool for local partners and state leaders

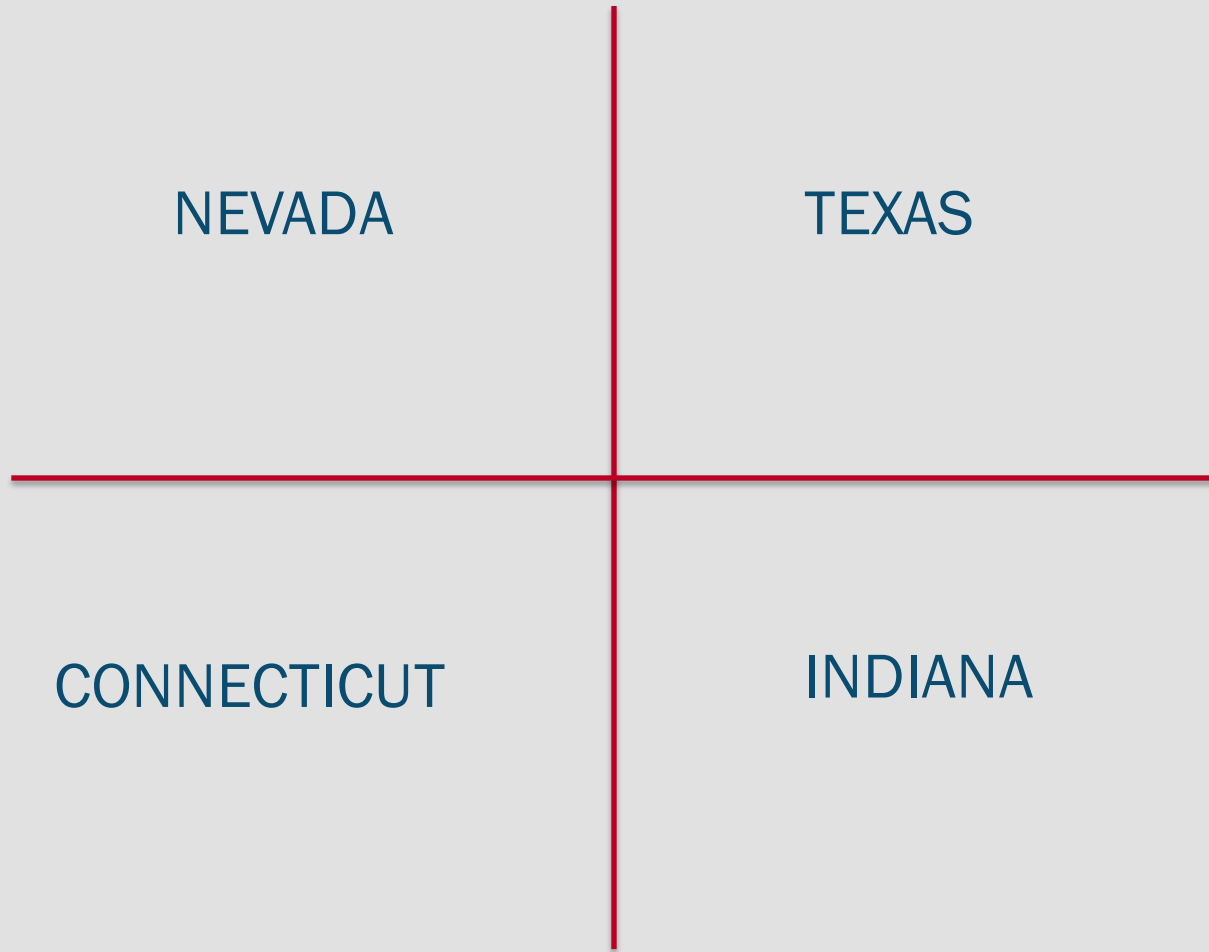
Streamlined

Dramatically reduced the amount of text to make the tool more accessible

Case Studies

Added stories that seek, by their moral, to overcome objections to our previous report

MINI CASE STUDIES



3 PRINCIPLES OF NACSA POLICIES

- Autonomy
- Accountability
- Accessibility

8 NACSA POLICIES

- Who Authorizes (alternative authorizer)
- Authorizer Standards
- Authorizer Evaluations
- Authorizer Sanctions
- Reports on Performance
- Performance Management
- Renewal Standard
- Default Closure