

Qualifications of School Board Candidates

Before an individual may serve on a school board, he or she must meet the qualifications to run for the public office and serve on the board. An individual is eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state if he or she:

1. Is a United States Citizen
2. Is 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment as applicable
3. Has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote
4. Has not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities
5. Has resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory/district from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:
 - a. For an independent candidate (school board candidate), the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot
 - b. For a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in
 - c. For an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made
6. Is a registered voter on the date indicated in subsection (5) above
7. Satisfies any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office

Additionally, an individual seeking to run for a place on the school board must be a qualified voter at the time of the election.