

## ELECTION

Board elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years.

**A person is legally qualified to become a board member who is a United States citizen, and a qualified voter resident in the school district and appropriate director district, if any.**

A person may become a candidate for a place on the board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county auditor during the July filing period as prescribed by law. If the school district includes territory in two or more counties, the declaration of candidacy shall be filed with the county auditor of the county designated by the state board of education as county to which the district belongs, pursuant to RCW28A.323.040. In the event that there are more than two candidates for any position on the board, a primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday of September in the manner prescribed by law. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the election ballot in November.

In the event a school director position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs BEFORE the sixth Tuesday prior to the primary election, the county auditor shall establish a special three day filing period.

In the event a school director position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs AFTER the sixth Tuesday prior to the primary election, but BEFORE the sixth Tuesday prior to the general election, then the county auditor shall establish a special three day filing period. In such a case, regardless of the number of candidates, there will be no primary, and the winner of the position will be the candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast.

**In the event a school director position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs after the sixth Tuesday before the general election, the scheduled election is lapsed, the election deemed stricken from the ballot, no write-in votes counted and no candidate certified as elected. If an incumbent school director is serving in this instance, the director's service on the board will continue until the next school board election or until the director resigns. If no director is currently serving, the position will be filled by the board consistent with the board's policy on filling vacancies.**

Cross Reference: Board Policy 1610

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Legal References: RCW

28A.323.040

28A.343.300

28A.343.320

Conflicts of Interest

**Vacancies**

Joint school districts -- Administration -- County to  
which joint school district considered as belonging

Directors--Elections--Terms--Numbers

Directors--Declarations of candidacy--Designation of  
positions

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| 28A.343.330      | Directors--Ballots--Form   |
| 28A.343.340      | Directors--Elected when-- Qualifications                                       |
| 29.01.140        | Residence  |
| 29.15.170        | Reopening of filing -- Occurrences before 6th<br>Tuesday <b>before primary</b> |
| <b>29.15.190</b> | <b>Scheduled election lapses, when</b>   |
| 29.15.180        | Reopening of filing--Occurrences after 6th Tuesday                             |
| 29.21.010        | Local primaries  |
| 42.12.010        | Causes of vacancy  |

**Candidate Orientation**

Candidates for appointment or election to the board shall be urged to attend public meetings of the board. All public information about the school system shall be made available to them.

Additionally, the board directs the superintendent to cooperate impartially with all candidates in providing them with information about school governance, board operations and school programs. Information to board candidates may include;

- A. Notifying the candidate of open meetings of the board, accompanied with an agenda;
- B. Meeting with the candidate to provide background information on the school system and board service and/or arranging such other candidate orientation sessions as the candidate may reasonably request;
- C. Providing each candidate with access to publications of the district, materials from the Washington State School Directors' Association, the official minutes of board meetings and the district policy manual;
- D. Reviewing the district budget and related fiscal documents; and
- E. Providing each candidate with information regarding the Public Disclosure Act.