

**ELECTION**

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

A person may become a candidate for a place on the board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county auditor during the June 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 RCW 28A.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 August 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 after the eleventh Tuesday before the primary election, but before the eleventh Tuesday before the general election, then the county auditor shall establish a special three-day filing period. In such 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 eleventh 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.

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.

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Cross Reference:

Board Policy 1610 Conflicts of Interest

Legal References:

RCW 28A.323.040 Joint school districts – Administration – County to which joint school district considered as belonging

RCW 28A.343.300 Directors--Terms--Numbers

RCW 28A.343.320 Directors--Declarations of candidacy—Positions as separate offices

RCW 28A.343.330 Directors--Ballots—Form

RCW 28A.343.340 Directors—When elected--Eligibility

RCW 29.01.140 Residence

RCW 29.15.170	Reopening of filing-Occurrences before the sixth Tuesday before primary
RCW 29.15.180	Reopening of filing--occurrences after fourth Tuesday before primary
RCW 29.21.010	Primary elections in other towns and districts
RCW 42.12.010	Causes of vacancy

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