# QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT

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Purpose:  To establish the basic structure for the qualifications of the superintendent.

The superintendent of schools will have earned at least a master's degree, preferably a doctorate, in the area of educational administration from a recognized accredited institute or have met the criteria for alternate route certification. The board also requires all other minimum licensing and certification requirements specifically set forth by the South Carolina State Board of Education.

The superintendent will be the chief executive of the district and, as such, the board will expect him/her to provide leadership in all phases of the educational program in the district.

Persons considered for this position should have a minimum of three to five years of experience in educational administration with two of these years in administration at the district level or at least 10 years of successful experience in a senior position of leadership such as chief executive officer in a business corporation or agency, military officer or other position with responsibilities similar to those of a district superintendent. In meeting this requirement, the board may make appropriate allowance for the possession of earned advance degrees.

Because this is an administrative and leadership position at the highest level in the public schools, demonstrated competence in these areas is a necessary prerequisite for this position. Additionally, persons considered for this position should have maintained active membership and participated in the professional organizations concerned with educational administration at local, state and national levels.

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Legal references:

A.  S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:
    1.  Section 59-5-60 - General powers of state board.
    2.  Section 59-13-20 - Qualifications of superintendents.

B.  State Board of Education Regulations:
    1.  R-43-64 - Requirements for initial certification at the advanced level.

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