

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 position on the Board by filing a Declaration of Candidacy with the County Auditor during the May 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.315.380.

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.

If, prior to the first day of the regular filing period, a vacancy occurs in a school director position that is not scheduled to appear on the general election ballot, leaving an unexpired term for which a successor must be elected at the next general election, filings for that position will be accepted during the regular filing period. The filing officer will provide notice of the vacancy and filing period to newspapers, radio, and television in the county, and online. The position will appear on the primary and general election ballots unless no primary is required.

If, on the first day of the regular filing period or later, a vacancy occurs in a school director position that is not scheduled to appear on the general election ballot leaving an unexpired term, the election of the successor will occur at the next succeeding general election that the office is allowed by law to have an election.

If, following the regular filing period and deadline to withdraw, but prior to the day for the primary, a void in candidacy occurs, the filing officer will reopen the filing period of three normal business days. The filing officer will provide notice of the special filing period to newspapers, radio, and television in the county, and online. The candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast for that school director in the general election is deemed elected.

Cross Reference:

Board Policy	1114	Board Member Resignation and Vacancies
	1610	Conflicts of Interest

Legal References:

RCW	28A.323.040	Joint School Districts — Designation of County to Which Joint School District Belongs
	28A.343.300	Directors — Terms — Numbers
	28A.343.320	Directors — Declarations of Candidacy — Positions as Separate Offices
	28A.343.330	Directors — Ballots — Form
	28A.343.340	Directors — When Elected — Eligibility

RCW	29A.04.151	Residence
	29A.24.141	Void in Candidacy—Exception
	29A.24.181	Regular Filing Period – Voids In Cadidacy
	29A.24.191	Scheduled Election Lapses, When.
	29A.52.210	Local Primaries
	42.12.010	Causes Of Vacancy

Management Resources:

Policy News, August 2011

Policy News, October 2006

Legislature clarifies law on vacancies and voids in
candidacy, primary election date changes
Changes in Election Law

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