

Board of Education

Board Member Qualifications

A Board Member must be, on the date of election or appointment, a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, a resident of Illinois and the District for at least one year immediately preceding the election, and a registered voter. A Board member must also have filed an economic interest statement as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

Reasons making an individual ineligible for Board membership include holding an incompatible office and certain types of State or federal employment. A child sex offender, as defined in State law, is ineligible for Board membership.

Certain elective offices in the judicial, executive, or legislative branches of government are incompatible with school board membership (Ill. Constitution, Art 4, 2(c) and Art 6, 13(b)). A school board member may not serve simultaneously as a State school trustee, township trustee, Cook County township school treasurer, regional superintendent of schools, or member of the State Board. A school board member elected to the board of a community college district may serve only the remainder of the unexpired school board term while serving on the community college board (105 ILCS 5/5-3, 5/8-1, and 110 ILCS 805/3-7.1). Many other elective offices may be incompatible with school board membership.

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. 2, ¶ 1; Art 4, ¶ 2(e); Art 6, ¶ 13(b).
105 ILCS 5/10-3 and 5/10-10.

CROSS REF.: 2:30 (Board of Education Elections), 2:70 (Vacancies on the Board of Education-Filling Vacancies)

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