

**District Election – Board Members**

Board elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November on the 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 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 Superintendent of Public Instruction as the county to which the district belongs, pursuant to [RCW 28A.323.040](#).

In the event that there are more than two (2) candidates for any position on the Board, a primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday of August in the manner prescribed by law. The two (2) 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.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.343.040  28A.343.300 28A.343.320  28A.343.330 28A.343.340 28A.343.350 29A.24.191 29A.24.181  29A.52.210 42.12.010	Joint school districts-Designation of county to which joint school district belongs Directors – Terms – Numbers Declarations of Candidacy Positions as Separate Offices Ballots – Form When elected—Eligibility Residency Scheduled election lapses, when Reopening of filing – after eleventh Tuesday before primary Local Primaries Causes of Vacancy
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