

Qualifications for Membership on a School Board in New York State

Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year (30 days in Rensselaer) immediately before the election.

May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.

May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.

May not be a current employee of the school board.

May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

(Note: a convicted felon is barred from running for a seat on a board of education, if his/her maximum prison sentence has not expired, or if he/she has not been pardoned or discharged from parole.)

In large city school districts and in New York City community school districts, different rules of law and/or exceptions to the above rules may govern membership on the school board.

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