

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Persons eligible to serve as members of the St. Mary Parish School Board shall have the following minimum qualifications:

1. The person shall have attained the age of eighteen (18).
2. The person shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, as determined by the Louisiana Department of Education.
3. The person has resided in the State for the preceding two (2) years;
4. The person has been domiciled in the election district for the preceding year;
5. The person is able to read and write; and
6. The person is not otherwise prevented by Louisiana law from serving as a member of the St. Mary Parish School Board.
7. The person shall have affirmed to the prescribed oath.

Should any member of the School Board move his/her domicile from the election district from which such member was elected, the seat held by said member shall be declared vacant, and such vacant seat shall be filled in accordance with applicable law of the State of Louisiana.

It is desirable that members of the School Board have a genuine interest in and devotion to public education; a willingness to give time and effort to the work; a capacity for understanding people; and the ability to work cooperatively with others.

Each School Board member should recognize that he/she is a public official charged with an important responsibility. In view of the fact that Board members are elected to their position, each member has a responsibility to the voters who have elected him/her; however, representation should serve the best interest of the school system as a whole rather than that of a single district.

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Ref: Constitution of Louisiana, Art. VIII, Sec. 8(a); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. "17:52, 17:64, 17:64.1, 17.71.2, 17:71.3, 42:141; Board minutes, 10-10-24.