

A person is qualified to be a candidate for the Board of Education if he or she meets the following criteria:

- Must be able to read and write
- Must be a qualified voter of the School District (U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and not adjudged incompetent)
- Must be and have been a resident of the School District for a continuous period of at least one year prior to the election
- May not have been removed from any School District office within the preceding one 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

Packets will be available beginning March 2, 2026. Contact Falon Derion at 250-1402 or [fderion@sweethomeschools.org](mailto:fderion@sweethomeschools.org) for more information.

All candidates must file petitions with the District Clerk. Petitions are available on our website at [www.sweethomeschools.org](http://www.sweethomeschools.org) or may be picked up in the District Office from the District Clerk on any day that school is in session between the hours of 8 am and 3:30 pm. Each petition must be completed in full prior to obtaining signatures.

25 signatures are required; however, you may obtain additional signatures if you choose. (2% of the previous year's voter turnout (1037) or 25 signatures, whichever is greater). Those signing the petition must be eligible voters of the Sweet Home Central School District. Eligible voter requirements are:

1. Age 18 or older
2. A district resident at least thirty (30) days prior (April 19, 2026) to the vote, which will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
3. A citizen of the United States

Petitions must be filed in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 on Monday, April 20, 2026. Drawing for ballot placement will take place on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the District Clerk's office.

All candidates must file three sworn or affirmed statements with both the District Clerk and the NYS Commissioner of Education when total campaign expenditures and contributions (made by candidates or on their behalf) exceed \$500.00. When campaign expenditures and contributions are less than \$500.00, the candidate must file a sworn statement only with the District Clerk. **The filing dates are April 20, 2026; May 14, 2026; and June 8, 2026.**