

**ELECTION**

Board elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years.

A person may become a candidate for a place on the board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county auditor during the July filing period as prescribed by law. In the event that there are more than two candidates for any position on the board, a primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday of September in the manner prescribed by law. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the election ballot in November.

In the event a school director position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs after the fourth Tuesday before the primary election, but before the fourth Tuesday before the general election, then the county auditor shall establish a special three-day filing period. In such case, regardless of the number of candidates, there will be no primary, and the winner of the position will be the candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast.

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.

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Cross Reference:

Board Policy 1610 Conflicts of Interest

Legal References:

RCW 28A.343.300 Directors--Terms--Numbers  
RCW 28A.343.320 Directors--Declarations of candidacy—Positions as separate offices  
RCW 28A.343.330 Directors--Ballots--Form  
RCW 28A.343.340 Directors—When elected--Eligibility  
RCW 29.01.140 Residence  
RCW 29.15.180 Reopening of filing--occurrences after fourth Tuesday before primary  
RCW 29.21.010 Primary elections in other towns and districts  
RCW 42.12.010 Causes of vacancy

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