

School Board Elections - November

Contact & Filing Entity: Office of the Essex County Clerk, Election Division:
973-621-4922

Filing Deadline for School Board Election: by 4:00pm on the last Monday in July

2020 Instructions for Annual School Election Petitions

Candidate Nominating Petitions must be filed with the County Clerk by the deadline of Monday, July 27, 2020 before 4:00 p.m.

The County Clerk's Office is located at 465 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Hall of Records Room 246 Newark, NJ 07102 Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the County Clerk's Office at 973-621-4922 for more information or email jferry@clerk.essexcountynj.org

A Petition Form can be downloaded by visiting the Essex County Clerk's Office Website at www.essexcountyclerk.com or in person at the County Clerk's Office.

Notice to All School Board Candidates

A new law effective July 1, 2018 permits School Board Candidates to circulate petitions jointly and be bracketed together on the ballot if they wish with 1 or 2 other candidates. It also permits a short non-political slogan not to exceed 3 words. Candidates are required to file a specific affirmation that they have not been convicted of crimes that would disqualify them from office with their petition. Please call the County Clerk's Elections Office if you have any questions at 9763-621-4922.

Qualifications and Instructions for Petition

Qualifications

Candidates filing a nominating petition for school board must meet the following qualifications:

- Must be a citizen of the United States of America
- Must be at least 18 years of age

- Must be able to read and write
- Must be a resident for at least one year preceding the date of election in the municipality where he/she is to be elected
- Is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4-1
- Is not disqualified from membership for the conviction of crimes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1*
- Is a registered voter in the school district

**Within 30 days of election or appointment to the board, a member must undergo a criminal history background investigation through the New Jersey Department of Education.*

Instructions for Petition

1. Before circulating the petition complete section "A. Nominating Statement" and section "B. Signatories" above the area for the signatures, printed name, residence mailing address and e-mail address.
 2. Then have voters sign, print their name and print their complete residence.
 3. Once all signatures are gathered the person who circulated the petition for the signatures must take the oath in section "C.Verification" before a notary public.
 4. Section "D. Notice" is the notice to which all candidates must comply.
 5. In section "E. Candidate's Acceptance and Oath of Allegiance" the candidate must take the oath before a notary public.
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**NOMINATING PETITION FOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

Completed nominating petitions shall be filed with the County Clerk on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **July 27, 2020**. TO:

Christopher J. Durkin, Essex County Clerk, 465 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd, Hall of Records RM 246 Newark, NJ 07102

A. NOMINATING STATEMENT:

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the _____ School District of Essex County, New Jersey.

We hereby endorse the Candidate(s) as a candidate(s) for membership on the Board of Education representing

(Municipality) _____ for the (Full or Unexpired) _____ term of

(Number of Years) _____ years, and we hereby request that the name of said candidate(s) be printed on the Official Ballot to be used at the ensuing election for the Board of Education to be held on **November 3, 2020**.

CANDIDATE NAME(S)	ADDRESS	CITY	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

B. SIGNATORIES:

At least ten signatures, one of which may be the candidate(s) are required to nominate a candidate.)

We, the undersigned petitioners, hereby certify that the said candidate(s) is/are legally qualified under the laws of the

State to be elected a **Member(s) of the _____ Board of Education.**
(Person Circulating Petition must complete Oath on Reverse Side)

Printed Name	Address	Signature
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

The above candidate(s), having been endorsed for the office mentioned in this petition, does hereby request that there be printed opposite his/her/their name on the said School Board Ballot the following designation:

C. AFFIDAVIT

_____, being duly sworn or affirmed according to the law on his/her

Print Name of Witness (person circulating petition)

oath deposes and says: That the petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own handwriting; that the said signers are, to deponent's best knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the school district election at which the candidate(s) shall be voted for, and that the said petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the candidate(s) therein named and placing the candidate(s) name on the official ballot in order to secure his/her/their election as a member of the Board of Education. The circulator further affirms that he/she is eligible to vote in the State of New Jersey, and he/she meets the age, citizenship and in-residency requirements as required by New Jersey law.

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF

_____, 20_____

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS
(Person circulating petition)

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE
My Commission expires _____

D. NOTICE: All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission, (609) 292-8700.

E. CANDIDATE(S) CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am qualified to be elected a Member of the _____ Board of Education;
Municipality

I consent to stand as a candidate for election and, if elected, agree to accept and qualify into that office.

I further do solemnly swear (or affirm) and declare I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:4-1 and I have not been convicted of a disqualifying crime pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.

I further do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
(Print Name of Candidate) (Print Name of Candidate) (Print Name of Candidate)

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF

_____, 20_____

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE
My Commission expires _____

1. _____
(Signature of Candidate)

2. _____
(Signature of Candidate)

3. _____
(Signature of Candidate)

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates filing a nominating petition for board membership must meet the following qualifications:

- He/she is a citizen of the United States of America.
- He/she must be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age to qualify for office.
- He/she must be able to read and write.
- He/she has been a resident of the municipality from which he/she is to be elected for at least one year preceding the date of the election.
- He/she is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4-1.
- He/she is not disqualified from membership for the conviction of crimes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1*
- He/she is a registered voter in the district.

NO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER SHALL BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ANY CONTRACT WITH, OR CLAIM AGAINST THE BOARD.

- ** Within 30 days of election or appointment to the board, a member must undergo a **criminal history background investigation** through the New Jersey Department of Education.
- The School Ethics Act and nepotism legislation impact the ability of board members who have relationships with school district employees to act in areas such as personnel and collective negotiations. Please consult your board secretary for details.

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Date: _____

The Honorable Christopher J. Durkin
Essex County Clerk
465 Dr. MLK, Jr. BLVD
Hall Of Records-Room 246
Newark, New Jersey 07102

We, the undersigned candidates for nomination for the office of Members of Board of Education in the Municipality of _____ have filed joint petitions with the slogan _____ and we request that we be placed on the same line of the ballot with candidates using this slogan.

We also request that our names on the Annual School Board Election ballot be shown in the order below.

Respectfully submitted,

Print Name of Candidate

Signature of Candidate

Print Name of Candidate

Signature of Candidate

Print Name of Candidate

Signature of Candidate