

Becoming a School Board Candidate



“Serving on the school board is not a popularity contest. Board members must be knowledgeable.”

-----Romeo Villarreal, South Texas ISD trustee

Candidate Qualifications

- To have your name placed on a ballot you must be:
 - ☑ a qualified voter in the district.
 - ☑ a resident of the district for 6 months before the filing deadline.
 - ☑ a resident of the state for 12 months before the filing deadline.

Proper Identification



A current

Voter Registration Certificate

is required!

Conflict of Interest and Nepotism

- To ensure that you comply with nepotism statutes you must read these policies:
 - BBB
 - BBFA
 - DBE

Conflict of Interest and Nepotism

- The nepotism statutes provide that school district may not employ a person related to a member of the board:
 - ☛ by *blood* within the 3rd degree or
 - ☛ by *marriage* within the 2nd degree

Conflict of Interest and Nepotism

- *However*, the nepotism prohibition does not affect the employment of any person who has been continuously employed by the district in the same position for a period of 6 months prior to the election of the board member to whom the employee is related.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- ✓ Under the rule passed by the State Board of Education, all newly elected trustees must participate in a local district orientation within 60 days before or after they are elected or appointed.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- ✓ Within the *first year of service*, each new member must attend a three-hour orientation to the Texas Education Code presented by staff of the Regional Education Service Centers.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- ✓ All trustees, both new and experienced, must complete a three-hour annual team-building session with the entire board and superintendent.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- ✓ New members must receive a minimum of 10 additional hours of training in their *first year of service* based on an assessment using the Framework for School Board Development.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- A minimum of 16 hours total.
- *Following the first year of service,*
at least 5 hours of continuing
education annually is required.

TASB Training Events



- ☑ **Grassroots Meetings**
- ☑ **Candidate Orientation Workshops**
- ☑ **Winter Governance Seminar**
- ☑ **Spring Legal Seminar**
- ☑ **Spring Workshops**
- ☑ **Celebrating Opportunities for Hispanic Students**
- ☑ **Summer Leadership Institute**
- ☑ **Summer Governance Seminar**
- ☑ **TASA/TASB Convention**
- ☑ **Fall Legal Seminars**

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