

DISTRICT CODE: 250

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Policy reflects Minnesota statute and aligns with other District 270 policies.

I. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines and regulations to facilitate the school board election process.

II. GUIDELINES

A. Legal

Members of the School Board shall be elected at-large by qualified voters of the District. Elections shall be held in accordance with prevailing law. School Board members in Minnesota are elected officials. All districts hold their elections at the General Election in November. State law permits districts the option of holding their election in either the even year or odd year. The Hopkins School District holds its elections in the odd numbered years. Members are elected for a four-year term, with at least three members elected each election.

B. Eligibility and Filing for Candidacy

In order to be eligible to be elected or appointed to a Minnesota school board, according to State Statute, one must be:

1. at least 21 years old
2. a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the election or appointment
3. an eligible voter
4. an eligible employee as specified by State Statute

The filing period for School Board elections as determined by statute will be followed. Each candidate must file an affidavit of candidacy with the School District clerk and pay the current filing fee per state statute.

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C. Financial Report

All candidates are required to complete a Campaign Financial Report within the specified time before and after the election. Candidates must comply with all Campaign Finance guidelines.

D. Vacancies

Vacancies caused by the resignation, death, etc., are filled by an appointment process conducted by the remaining Board members.

E. Campaign Materials

During School Board campaigns, the School District will maintain neutrality as to all political campaigns and issues and shall operate with official neutrality. Campaign materials may not be personally distributed to employees or students on school grounds and should take place outside District Buildings and off-campus unless approved otherwise in accordance with the official neutrality position of the School District during School Board campaigns.

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