

BBBA - Board Member Qualifications

NOTE: While Colorado school districts are not required by law to adopt a policy on this subject, this policy reflects legal requirements school districts must follow. This sample policy contains the content/language that CASB believes best meets the intent of the law. However, the district should consult with its own legal counsel to determine appropriate language that meets local circumstances and needs.

A candidate for the office of school director shall be:

- a resident of the school district and a registered voter, as shown on the books of the county clerk and recorder, for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the election
- 18 years or older by the date of the election
- a citizen of the United States

If the school district has a director district plan of representation or a combined director district and at-large plan of representation, the candidate must be a resident of the director district in which he or she is a candidate.

No candidate may run representing a political party.

In addition, any person who has been convicted of, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to, or received a deferred judgment or sentence for commission of a sexual offense against a child is ineligible for election to a school district board of education. Similarly, any board member who is convicted of, pleads guilty or *nolo contendere* to, or receives a deferred judgment for a sexual offense against a child while serving on a board shall become ineligible to serve and a vacancy shall be created. Any person who is the subject of a pending charge of commission of a sexual offense against a child at the time of election is ineligible for election to a school district board of education.

It is important that the candidate be sincerely and honestly interested in serving the whole school district for the best interests of all children. Board members shall be nonpartisan in dealing with school matters. The Board does not wish to subordinate the education of children and youth to any partisan principle, group interest or personal ambition

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 1-2-101,102 (*qualification and registration of elections*)

C.R.S. 1-4-803 (*petitions for nominating school directors*)

C.R.S. 22-31-107 (*qualifications and nomination of candidates for school director*)

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