



Policy: 3.03

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

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1.0 Policy

Members of the Board of Education are elected at the general election in November in even-numbered years. Nominations, elections, and terms of office are as prescribed by law. In summary:

Four members are to be elected at-large for terms of four years beginning in 1984 (see note below) and every four years thereafter.

Seven members are to be elected by voting districts for terms of four years beginning in 1982 and every four years thereafter.

Newly elected members take office on January 1 of the year immediately following their election.

Candidates are nominated at a primary conducted pursuant to the Michigan Election Law. For at-large candidates, a nominating petition must contain not less than 500 or more than 1,000 signatures of registered school electors of the city; for candidates representing voting districts, a nominating petition must contain not less than 250 or more than 500 signatures of registered school electors of the voting district.

Candidates for the Board must be 18 years of age or older at the time of their election. An at-large candidate must be a registered elector residing in Detroit; a voting district candidate must be a registered elector residing in the voting district.

A newly elected member must take an oath of office within 10 days after being served a notice of election by the city clerk.

Note: Terms of at-large members elected in 1982 varied to accommodate a statutory change in the number of at-large members, which was part of the legislation recentralizing the district.

Attachments to Policy 3.03: None

Legal References: MCLA § 380.404b
 MCLA § 380.411a
 MCLA § 380.412a
 MCLA § 380.413a
 MCLA § 168.544c
 MCLA § 380.11a

Labor Contract References: None