

Board of Education

Board Member Qualifications

A Board member must be, on the date of election or appointment, a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, a resident of Illinois and the District for at least one year immediately preceding the election, and a registered voter.

Effective with the Board election in 1992, one member is elected from each of seven separate school board sub-districts. These sub-districts are compact, contiguous and of substantially equal population.

Reasons making an individual ineligible for Board membership include holding an incompatible office and certain types of State or federal employment. A child sex offender, as defined in State law, is ineligible for School Board membership.

All mid-term applicants for the School Board and all seated School Board members who are issued a District ID badge are required to have a criminal history records check initiated by the Head of the Human Resources Department or delegate. The criminal history records check shall consist of:

1. Fingerprint-based checks through (a) the Illinois State Police (ISP) for criminal history records information (CHRI) pursuant to the Uniform Conviction Information Act (20 ILCS 2635/1), and (b) the FBI national crime information databases pursuant to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (P.L. 109-248),
2. A check of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry (see the Sex Offender Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 152/101 et seq.), and
3. A check of the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry (Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 154/75-105, amended by 97-154).

LEGAL REF.: Ill. Constitution, Art. II, §1; Art. IV, §2(e); Art. VI, §13(b).
105 ILCS 5/10-3 and 5/10-10.

CROSS REF.: 2:30, 2:70, 6.250

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