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Salem, New Jersey

Policy

# REQUIRED OATH FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

A member of the Elsinboro Township Board of Education, before taking office, shall take and sign:

1. An oath that he/she possesses the qualifications of membership prescribed by law, including a specific declaration that he or she is not disqualified as a voter and that he or she will faithfully discharge the duties of his/her office; and also
2. The oath prescribed by N.J.S.A. 41:1-1 (re: support of State and Federal constitutions and allegiance to the United States government);
3. The oath shall be filed with the board secretary.

# Oath of Office

(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and NJ.S.A. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

*I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.\**

*I,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm)* that *I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education, and that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to R.S. 19:44-1 nor disqualified due to conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2, and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of that office according* to *the best of my ability So help me God.\**

*Sworn and subscribed to*

*before me this………………………day of………20…………..A.D.*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Board Member)*

*(Authorized Signature)*

*School District of…………………………………*

*County of……………………………………………*

*\*No individual shall be required to swear or affirm that part of the oaths which states “So help me God.”*

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**Legal Reference:**  N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 Qualifying oaths of members

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**Cross References:** \*1120 Board of education meetings

\*9020 Public statements

9111 Qualifications

\*9130 Committees

\*9322 Public and executive sessions

\*Indicates that the policy is in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.