

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board shall be composed of thirteen (13) members elected by qualified voters of each electoral district. Persons eligible to serve as members of the School Board shall have the following minimum qualifications:

1. A School Board member shall have attained the age of eighteen (18).
2. A School Board member shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, as determined by the Louisiana Department of Education.
3. A School Board member shall be a resident of the election district for the preceding year, with limited exception.
4. A School Board member shall have resided in the state for the preceding two (2) years.
5. A School Board member shall be able to read and write.
6. A School Board member shall not be serving on certain other boards specified in the Constitution of Louisiana's prohibition against dual office holding.
7. A School Board member shall have affirmed to the prescribed oath.

Should any member of the School Board move his/her domicile from the election district from which such member was elected, the seat held by said member shall be declared vacant, and such vacant seat shall be filled in accordance with applicable law of the State of Louisiana.

It is desirable that members of the School Board have a genuine interest in and devotion to public education; a willingness to give time and effort to the work; a capacity for understanding people; and the ability to work cooperatively with others.

Each School Board member should recognize that he/she is a public official charged with an important responsibility. In view of the fact that School Board members are elected to their position, each member has a responsibility to the voters who have elected him/her; however, representation should serve the best interest of the school system as a whole rather than that of a single district.

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Ref: Constitution of Louisiana, Art. VIII, Sec. 8(a); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:52, 17:71.2, 17:71.3, 17:81, 42:141; Board minutes, 9-19-24.