

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATING PETITION
FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS**

This information sheet is not meant to encompass all the statutory and constitutional requirements for filing petitions but is to be used only as a guide.

1. Completed nominating petitions shall be filed with the Salem County Clerk's Office not later than **4:00 pm, Monday, July 27th**.
2. At least twenty-five (25) signatures shall be required for any petition.
3. The candidate's name, address and office he/she is seeking must be on the petition before circulation. **DO NOT CIRCULATE BLANK PETITIONS.**
4. The circulator of the petition **MUST WITNESS ALL SIGNATURES. DO NOT PASS PETITION TO A SECOND CIRCULATOR – USE A NEW PETITION.**
5. The circulator of the petition must execute the affidavit in Section C. **AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED.**
6. Each candidate must execute the Oath of Allegiance in Section D. **AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED.**
 - a. Candidates are respectfully asked to have their petition notarized prior to returning it and to seek notarization from a notary outside of the office where the petition is being submitted. This helps maintain impartiality and ensures a smooth and efficient filing process.
7. The Petition must be signed by legally qualified voters (of any party) residing in the County of Salem, and in the Municipality for their respective School Board.
8. Each registered voter can only sign one time for the same candidate and cannot sign more petitions than seats available.
9. A candidate can sign his/her own petition and be the circulator.
10. Pursuant to P.L. 2018, ch. 66, all candidates for any public elective office must include a functioning email address on their petition of nomination.

INDIVIDUAL PETITION

INDIVIDUAL NOMINATING PETITION FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS

TO: Dale A. Cross
Salem County Clerk
110 Fifth Street, Suite 200
Salem, NJ 08079

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm
856-935-7510 x 8454

No emailed or faxed petitions will be accepted.

of Signatures needed 25

Total number of signatures obtained _____

A. NOMINATING STATEMENT:

I, the undersigned, am a qualified voter of Elsinboro Township
(Municipality)

in Salem County, New Jersey. I hereby endorse _____,
(Name of Candidate)

whose address is _____,

as a candidate for membership on the Board of Education representing:

Elsinboro Township School District
(School District)

 X 3 Year (Full) Term or _____ Year(s) Unexpired Term

and I hereby request that the name of said candidate be printed on the official School Board Election ballot, to be held **Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026.**

(Candidate Email Address)

(Candidate Telephone)

DESIGNATION:(Optional. **No more than 3 (three) words** that convey the principles which the candidate represents, but no designation may contain the name, or a derivative or any part thereof, used as a noun or an adjective, of any political party that is entitled to participate in a primary election. NJSA 19:23-17

B. SIGNATORIES:

We, the undersigned petitioners, hereby certify that _____
(Name of Candidate)

is legally qualified under the laws of the State to be a member of the School Board representing:

_____ Elsinboro Township _____
(Municipality)

#	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
1.			
2.			
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PETITIONS DUE: MONDAY, JULY 27TH BY 4:00 PM TO SALEM COUNTY CLERK

Name of Candidate _____

#	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
11.			
12.			
13.			
14.			
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Name of Candidate _____

#	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
21.			
22.			
23.			
24.			
25.			
26.			
27.			
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29.			
30.			

Name of Candidate _____

C. AFFIDAVIT:

_____, Circulator of this nominating petition, being duly sworn or affirmed according to the law on oath, deposes and says: The present petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own handwriting; the signers are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the school district election for which the candidate is nominated; and that the petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the candidate and placing the candidate's name on the official ballot in order to seek election as a member of the Board of Education. The Circulator further affirms that he/she is eligible to vote in the State of New Jersey, and meets the age, citizenship and residency requirements as required by New Jersey law.

(Circulator's signature)

(Typed or printed name of Circulator)

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

(Affix notary stamp here)



Notary Signature

Printed or typed name of Notary

My commission expires _____, 20_____

Name of Candidate _____

D. NOTICE

All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of “The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act,” *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.* For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission, (609) 292-8700.

E. CANDIDATE’S ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, _____, a candidate for membership of the Board of Education named in the foregoing petition, do hereby certify that I am qualified to be a member of the Board of Education of Elsinboro Township in the County of Salem; that I consent to stand as a candidate for election and, if elected, agree to accept and qualify into that office. I further affirm and declare I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:4-1*, nor have I been convicted of a disqualifying crime pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1*.

I further 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 in this State, under the authority of the people.

(Candidate Signature)

(Typed or printed name of candidate)

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

(Affix notary stamp here)



Notary Signature

Printed or typed name of Notary

My commission expires _____, 20_____

Name of Candidate _____

QUALIFICATIONS- Candidates filing a nominating petition for board membership must meet the following qualifications:

- A citizen of the United States of America
- At least 18 (eighteen) years of age to qualify for office
- Able to read and write
- A resident of the district, or of such constituent district of a consolidated or regional district as may be required by law, from which he/she is to be elected for at least one year preceding the date of the election
- Not disqualified as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:4-1*
- A registered voter in the district
- Not convicted of a disqualifying crime pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1*

No Board of Education member shall be directly or indirectly involved in any contract with, or claim against, the board.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Within 30 days of election or appointment to the board, a member must undergo a **criminal history background investigation** through the New Jersey Department of Education.
- The School Ethics Act and nepotism legislation impact the ability of board members who have relatives working in the school district to act in areas such as personnel and collective negotiations. Please consult your Board Secretary for details.

Complete nominating petitions shall be filed with the Salem County Clerk’s Office on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, July 27th, 2026.

The Clerk’s office is located at: **110 Fifth Street, Suite 200, Salem, NJ 08079**

and the days and business hours during which the office is open to receive petitions are:

Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm (Holidays are an exception)

Received by: _____

DATE _____ TIME _____