QUALIFICATIONS

Note: Under AS 14.08.041 (governing regional school boards) and AS 14.12.080 (municipal school boards), individuals are eligible to run for school board if they meet local voter qualifications. Local voter qualifications are set forth at AS 29.26.050. To be a qualified local voter, the individual must also meet the requirements to vote in the State of Alaska as defined in the Alaska Constitution, article V, and AS 15.05.010. The following policy sets forth the qualifications to be a voter in a state and local election, thus qualifying an individual to seek a seat on the school board.

Furthermore, under a 2026 revision to AS 14.12.080, a school board member may not have been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude unless the person has been unconditionally discharged for the felony and at least 10 years have passed since the date of unconditional discharge. "Unconditionally discharged" has the meaning given in AS 12.73.090.

All qualified and interested individuals are encouraged to serve the District and its students by seeking election to the School Board.

(cf. 9220 – School Board Elections)

An individual with the following qualifications is eligible to be a member of the School Board:

1. is a citizen of the United States;

2. is 18 years of age or older;

3. is a registered voter in the State of Alaska;

4. has been a resident of the school district for 30 days immediately preceding the election (or appointment); and

5. is not disqualified from voting due to ~~conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude, assuming voting rights have not been restored; or~~

b. a court finding of incompetency, unless the disability no longer exists.

6. has not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, unless the individual was unconditionally discharged for the felony and at least 10 years have passed since the date of the unconditional discharge. Voting rights must also have been restored.

(cf. 9200 – Board Members)
(cf. 9223 – Board Vacancies)

Note: The following language should be utilized by those school boards that have student board members.

A District student is eligible for appointment as an advisory Student Board Member without meeting the above qualifications.

(cf. 9110 – School Board Membership)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

QUALIFICATIONS (continued) BB 9210(b)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES
14.08.041 Regional school boards
14.12.080 Qualification of members
15.05.010 Voter Qualification
29.26.050 Voter Qualification

ALASKA CONSTITUTION
art. 5, sec. 1, Qualified Voters
art. 5, sec. 2, Disqualifications

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