

ELECTIONS

BP 8120 (a)

Note: Pursuant to AS 14.08.115 and AS 14.12.035, the school board prescribes the manner of selecting advisory boards. Effective 2014, regional educational attendance areas ("REAs") may request that advisory school board elections be conducted by the Division of Elections ("Division"). If a request is made, the election will be held on the first Tuesday in October. AS 14.08.071(e). In such a case, the role of the Division is limited and REAs retain most of the obligations for conducting the election. In addition, the Division will only conduct advisory school board elections in those communities where the Division is already scheduled to conduct an in-person election for the regional school board. The following policy provides optional language for REAs desiring to have the Division conduct advisory school board elections. That language incorporates the requirements of 6 AAC 27.180, Advisory school board elections.

All qualified and interested individuals are encouraged to serve the district and its students by seeking election to the advisory school board. The district shall be responsible for conducting advisory school board elections for the respective attendance areas. The Superintendent or designee shall make the necessary procedures, forms and staff assignments for the conduct of elections.

Elections will be held on the first Tuesday of October in conjunction with the city and borough elections. The site administrator, with the assistance of the district administrative staff, shall coordinate SAC elections with the local municipal office.

Qualifications for Candidates and Voters

An individual is eligible to seek election to the advisory school board if the person meets the voter qualifications set forth below and has never been convicted of a crime requiring registration on any sexual offender list, or a crime against children.

An individual with the following qualifications is eligible to vote in an advisory school board election: must qualify with respect to the following elements before he/she may participate in a School Advisory Council election:

1. ~~The voter or candidate~~ must be a United States citizen;
2. ~~The voter or candidate~~ must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the election or older;
3. ~~The voter or candidate~~ must be a legally registered voter in the State of Alaska ~~in the area served by the school~~;
4. ~~The candidate must have~~ has been a resident of the ~~area served by the school~~ attendance area for at least thirty (30) ~~calendar~~ days preceding the date of the election; and,
5. is not disqualified from voting due to: a) 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. ~~Site administrators and non-tenured teachers shall not be elected members on the School Advisory Council.~~

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A district student is eligible for appointment as a Student Advisory School Board Member without meeting the above qualifications.

School board members may not hold concurrent membership on both the school board and a local advisory school board.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.08.071 Elections, advisory votes

14.08.115 Advisory school boards in REAA

14.12.035 Advisory school boards in borough school districts

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6 AAC 27.180 Advisory school board elections

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