

**SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**NOMINATING PETITION FOR SCHOOL BOARD**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Candidate (or circulator on behalf of candidate) must complete all information in "SECTION A" **prior to circulation.**
2. A candidate shall write his or her "**full and correct name**" on the petition, as the full and correct name will appear on the General Election ballot. The use of nicknames or aliases is NOT permitted on the official Sussex County ballot.
3. If candidacy is for a regional school, be sure to include the municipality being represented in Section A.
4. Be sure to state the correct term of office in Section A; once a petition is circulated, the term cannot be amended.
5. The person circulating the petition must bear witness as to the signers of the petition.

**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS**

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

- He/She is a citizen of the United States of America.
  - He/She must be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age to qualify for office.
  - He/She must be able to read and write.
  - He/She has been a resident of the municipality from which he/she is to be elected for at least one year preceding the date of the election.
  - He/She is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:4-1*.
  - He/She is not disqualified from membership for the conviction of crimes pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1\**
  - He/She is a registered voter in the district.
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No board of education member shall be directly or indirectly involved in any contract with, or claim against, the board.

\*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.

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**NOTICE TO CANDIDATE**

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 more information, call the Election Law Enforcement Commission 609-292-8700.

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**SUBMISSION OF PETITION**

Completed nominating petitions shall be filed with the County Clerk on or **before 4 p.m. of the last Monday in July.**

**Petitions should be submitted to the County Clerk at 83 Spring Street, Suite 304, Newton, NJ 07860**

Call 973-579-0900 Ext 1501 if more information is required.

**NOMINATING PETITION FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**  
For School Boards participating in the November General Election

**TO: County Clerk**

**A. NOMINATING STATEMENT:**

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District in Sussex County, New Jersey. We hereby endorse (candidate name) \_\_\_\_\_, whose address is (Street and Number) \_\_\_\_\_, as a candidate for membership on the Board of Education representing (Name of Municipality) \_\_\_\_\_ for the ( Full or Unexpired ) term of \_\_\_\_\_ years, and we hereby request that the name of said candidate be printed on the official ballot to be used at the ensuing general election for Board of Education to be held November \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**B. SIGNATORIES:** *(At least ten signatures, one of which may be the candidate's, are required to nominate a candidate.)*

We, the undersigned petitioners, hereby certify that (Name of Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_ is legally qualified under the laws of the State to be elected a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education.

Signature and residence of registered voter:

1.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
2.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
3.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
4.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
5.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip

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Signature and residence of registered voter:

6.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
7.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
8.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
9.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
10.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
11.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
12.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
13.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
14.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip
15.	Printed Name	Signature
	Street Address	Town / Zip

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**C. AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION**

(Circulator's Name) \_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn or affirmed according to the law on his/her oath deposes and says that:

The foregoing petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own hand-writing; the said signers are, to deponent's best knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the school district election at which the candidate shall be voted for; and that said petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the candidate therein named and placing the candidate's name on the official ballot in order to secure his/her election as a member of the Board of Education.

As circulator of this petition, I further swear or affirm that I am legally eligible to vote in the State of New Jersey.

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY'S SIGNATURE (My Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CIRCULATOR

**D. CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

\_\_\_\_\_, the candidate for membership on the Board of Education named in the foregoing petition, does hereby certify that he/she is qualified to be a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education; that he/she consents to stand as a candidate for election and, if elected, agrees to accept and qualify into that office. He/she further affirms and declares he/she is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4-1.

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. So help me God\*.

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY'S SIGNATURE (My Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED OR TYPEWRITTEN NAME OF CANDIDATE

\*No individual is required to swear that part of an oath which states "So help me God" and may instead state "I do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm."

DATE - TIME STAMP

Petition received by: \_\_\_\_\_