

**BOARD MEMBER
QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTIONS
AND SERVICE**

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QUALIFICATIONS

Any person possessing the qualifications for election to public office as provided for in Article VI, Section 6 or the Constitution of North Carolina and who is a qualified voter and resident of the district from which he/she seeks to be elected will be eligible to serve as a member of the board of education.

Any person elected or appointed to the board and also employed by the board will resign his/her employment before taking office as member of the board.

MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The board of education will consist of seven (7) members. All terms will be for four (4) years with the terms staggered so that as nearly equal to one-half as possible will expire every two years. All elections are nonpartisan and are to be held at the time of the primary election. Changes in the number of board members may occur on request by the Board of Education to the legislative delegation and passage of the required special legislation.

OATH OF OFFICE

Before taking office, newly elected board members will take and sign the oath or affirmation on or before the Clerk of Court.

Board members shall faithfully attend board meetings, board member in-service programs, workshops, and other training opportunities necessary in carrying out their responsibilities as a board member. They will study the information and materials necessary to make sound judgments regarding board matters, and otherwise attend to the responsibilities, duties and requirements of the office necessary to provide quality school board leadership for the school system.

Legal References: N.C. Const., art. VI, §§ 6 and 7; G.S. 115C-35, -37(g)