

Basics of School Board Service



PARK RIDGE-NILES
SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Your Board of Education

Why run for office?
How to run for office?
What it means to serve

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Agenda

- Requirements and key election dates
- Filing information and materials
- Required board member training
- Why serve on the board?
- Duties of the board
- Characteristics of an effective school board member
- Support and resources for candidates
- Informal Q&A

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The next consolidated election is April 4th, 2023

D64 Board of Education

Qualifications

- U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old
- You've been a District 64 resident for at least 1 year
- Registered voter

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The election is April 4th, 2023

- File directly with Cook County Clerk or Cook County Board of Election Commissioners.
- You must file between these dates:
 - December 12th, 2022 -
 - December 19th, 2022

Filing Requirements

- Statement of Candidacy
- Nominating Petitions
- Receipt for Statement of Economic Interests

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Key Dates

- Monday, December 12th - Candidate filing period starts
- Monday, December 19th - Candidate filing period ends
 - Last day to file a Statement of Economic Interests. The receipt from the filing must be included with nominating petitions
- Tuesday, December 27th - Last day to file objections to nominating petitions
- Wednesday, December 28th - Last day for ballot placement lottery
- Thursday, February 2nd - Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate

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Required Board Member Training

- Open Meetings Act
- Professional development leadership training
 - Education and labor law
 - Financial oversight and accountability
 - Fiduciary responsibilities
- Performance Evaluation Reform ACT (PERA) Training

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Why serve on the Board?

1. Show that you value public education in our democracy
2. Be involved in public policy discussions and decisions
3. Use your experience and knowledge
4. Give back to the community

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Duties of the Board

- Clarifies the District's purpose
- Connects with the community
- Employs a Superintendent
- Delegates authority
- Monitors performance
- Takes responsibility for Board activity and behavior
- Attend regular meetings: One Thursday night each month and special meetings as needed

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Characteristics of an effective School Board Member

- Thoughtful, sincere and deliberate approach
- Constructive attitude toward teamwork
- Willingness to spend time
- Represent the entire community
- Even temperament in challenging times
- Willingness to listen
- Willingness to exchange viewpoints respectfully
- Respect confidentiality

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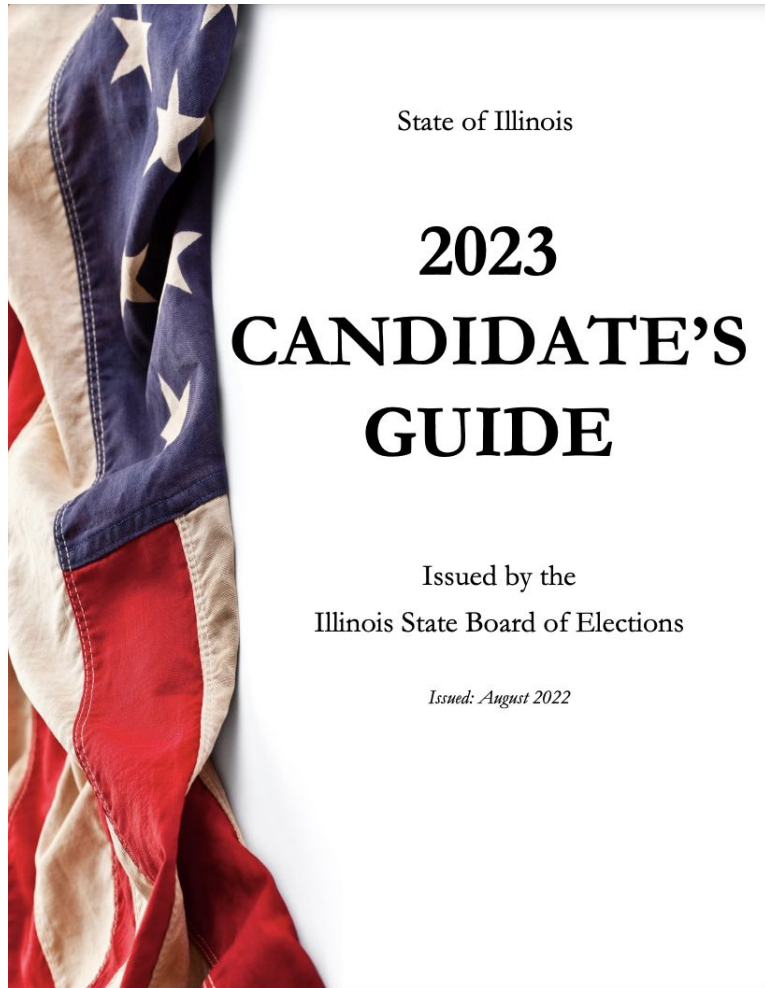
District 64 Support and Resources

- www.d64.org
- District 64 Board meetings, reports and videos
- Subscribe to the District 64 eNews

More Support and Resources

- Illinois Association of School Boards
 - www.iasb.com/elections
- Cook County Clerk's Office
 - www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections

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Candidate's Guide is available on our website

-www.d64.org/boe/school-board-election-2023