

**A. QUALIFICATIONS**

Any person possessing the qualifications for election to public office as provided for in Article VI, Section 6 of the Constitution of North Carolina and who is a qualified voter and resident of the election district from which he or 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 or her employment before taking office as a member of the board. A spouse of a member of the board of education may not be employed by the school system, except for short-term or temporary employment.

**B. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

The board of education will consist of five members. All terms will be for four 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 November general election in even-numbered years. A description of the districts is as follows: There are 5 districts--3 City Districts, 1 East District, and 1 West District. Three (3) members shall be residents of the City of Elkin and shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the Elkin School District. One (1) member shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Elkin School District from the areas within the Elkin School District to the west of Interstate 77 and outside the corporate limits of the City of Elkin. One (1) member shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Elkin School District from the area within the Elkin School District to the East of Interstate 77 and outside the corporate limits of the City of Elkin. A map of the Districts follows this policy.

**C. OATH OF OFFICE**

Before taking office, newly elected board members will take and sign the following oath or affirmation on or before the first Monday in December following their election:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina and that I will honestly, faithfully, and impartially discharge my duties as a member of the Elkin City Board of Education to the best of my ability.”

If a board member enters on the duties of his or her office before taking, subscribing, and filing the oath of office, he or she will be ejected from office.

Legal References: N.C. Const., art. VI, §§ 6 and 7; G.S. 14-229; G.S. 115C-35; -37

Cross References:

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