

BOARD ELECTIONS

Registered voters of the district elect directors to the Board of Education at regular school elections held on the first Tuesday of November in each odd-numbered year. At every other biennial election four directors are elected; at the other biennial election three directors are elected.

The Board has adopted, and the district electorate has approved, a director district plan of representation whereby directors are elected from director districts. However, all directors are voted upon at large by electors of the entire school district.

Three directors are elected in a biennial election representing respectively director districts B, D and F, in the subsequent biennial election, four members are elected from director districts A, C, E and G. For example, in 1993, three members were elected from director districts B, D and F; in 1995, four members will be elected from director districts A, C, E and G.

The county clerk and recorder is responsible for conducting the regular biennial school election when a coordinated election is being conducted in the county. The election shall be conducted pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the district and the county clerk and recorder. The agreement shall allocate responsibilities between the county clerk and the district for the preparation and conduct of the election and shall be signed no less than 60 days prior to the election. The Board shall designate a school election official to whom some election responsibilities may be delegated pursuant to the agreement.

Candidates are nominated in the manner prescribed by law. Nomination petitions shall be filed prior to 66 days before the election. In accordance with state law, candidates for school district directors shall file a candidate affidavit with the county clerk's office and shall submit reports on contributions and expenditures during the campaign.

Any person registered as a district elector may vote. Voter qualifications are the same as those for voting in general elections.

Any decision about conducting the election by mail ballot in accordance with state law and rules promulgated by the secretary of state shall be made in conjunction with the county clerk. An implementation plan for conducting the election by mail ballot shall be submitted to the secretary of state no later than 75 days prior to the election.

If 63 days before the election, there is only one candidate for each position to be filled, the Board by resolution may instruct the designated election official to cancel the election and declare the candidates elected, pursuant to state law.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this policy, all elections to elect Directors for the Board of Education shall be in compliance with the Consent Decree entered by order of the Court on April 9, 1990, in the case of Cuthair, et al. v. Montezuma-Cortez, Colorado School District No. Re-1, et al., Case No. 89 C964.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 1-1-101 through 1-13-108 *et seq.* (Uniform Election Code of 1992)
C.R.S. 1-45-101 *et seq.* (Fair Campaign Practices Act)
C.R.S. 22-31-101 *et seq.*