



County of Passaic Office of the County Clerk

Administration Building
401 Grand Street • Room 130
Paterson, New Jersey 07505

Danielle Ireland-Imhof
County Clerk

Tel: (973) 225-3690
Fax: (973) 754-1920

Elections Division
Tel: (973) 881-4127
Fax: (973) 742-5744

Important Notice to Candidates: Changes to Petition Signature Requirements

Dear Candidate:

On February 3, 2025, P.L. 2025, c.20, was signed into law, which modifies the number of petition signatures required for candidates to be placed on election ballots. Please review the updated signature requirements below before filing your petition.

For Filing Your Petition with the Passaic County Clerk's Office, Elections Division:

OFFICE	MINIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES NEEDED FOR 2026-2027
COUNTY (County Commissioners, Sheriff, County Clerk, Surrogate)	Democrat – 300 & Republican – 193
SCHOOL BOARD (School Board Candidates Running in the November General Election)	25
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Running in the November General Election)	County Offices 250
	Municipal Offices-Contact County Clerk's Office, Elections Division.

Important:

- Your petition must meet or exceed the new minimum number of valid signatures.
- Petitions submitted with fewer than the minimum required signatures will be rejected.
- The deadline to submit petitions for running in the 2026 Primary Election remains 4:00 p.m. on March 23, 2026, per N.J.S.A. 19:23-14.
- The deadline to submit petitions for school board candidates running in the November General Election remains the last Monday in July at 4:00 p.m., per N.J.S.A. 19:60-7.
- Seek guidance or assistance from the office you need to file your petition with:
 - For school board candidates running in the April School Election, file with the Secretary of the Board of Education in your municipality.
 - For municipal offices running in May Municipal Elections or partisan municipal offices, file with the Municipal Clerk in your municipality.
 - For County Offices, municipal candidates running as independents in the November General Election, and School Board Candidates running in the November General Election, file with the County Clerk's Office, Elections Division.
 - State Offices, file with the New Jersey Secretary of State www.nj.gov/state/elections/candidate-information.shtml
- County Clerk staff cannot notarize petitions. Please have the appropriate notarizations done prior to filing your petitions.
- Electronic signatures are NOT permitted.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

On February 3, 2025, P.L. 2025, c.20, was signed into law which modifies the number of petition signatures required for candidates to be placed on election ballots. Please review the updated signature requirements before filing your petition.

NOMINATING PETITION FOR NOVEMBER SCHOOL ELECTION

**To be filed with Passaic County Clerk's Office
Election Division, Room 130
County Clerk**

A. NOMINATING STATEMENT :

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the _____ School District
of _____ (Municipality) in the _____ (County), New
Jersey. We hereby endorse (Name(s) of Candidate(s):

<u>Name(s) of Candidate(s)</u>	<u>Residence Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

as a candidate(s) for membership on the Board of Education representing (Name of Municipality) _____
_____ for the (Full or Unexpired) _____ term of (Number of Years)
_____ Years and we hereby request that the name of said candidate(s) be printed on the official ballot to
be used at the ensuing election for the Board of Education to be held on November _____, 20 _____.

At the request of one or more candidates, the ballot for a school election may include a designation in not more than three words that conveys the principles which the candidate or candidates therein named represent, but such designation shall not contain the name, or a derivative or any part thereof, as a noun or an adjective of any political party entitled to participate in a primary election.

SLOGAN

B. SIGNATORIES (At least 25 signatures, one of which may be the candidate's, are required to nominate a candidate.) We, the undersigned petitioners, hereby certify that the said (Name of Candidate(s)

_____, _____
_____ is (are) legally qualified under the laws of the State to be
elected a member(s) of the _____ School District Board of Education.

SIGNATURE SHEET

1.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence address (Number and Street)	_____ (City)
2.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence address (Number and Street)	_____ (City)
3.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence address (Number and Street)	_____ (City)
4.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence address (Number and Street)	_____ (City)
5.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence address (Number and Street)	_____ (City)
6.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence address (Number and Street)	_____ (City)
7.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence address (Number and Street)	_____ (City)
8.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence address (Number and Street)	_____ (City)
9.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence address (Number and Street)	_____ (City)
10.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____	_____

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

11.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

12.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

13.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

14.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

15.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

16.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

17.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

18.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

19.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

20.

Signature

Print Name

Residence address (Number and Street)

(City)

21. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

22. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

23. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

24. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

25. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

26. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

27. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

28. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

29. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

30. _____
Signature

_____ **Print Name**

_____ **Residence address (Number and Street)**

_____ **(City)**

C. VERIFICATION

_____ being duly sworn or affirmed
(Print Name of the Circulator Swearing/Affirming)

according to the law on his/her oath deposes and says: That the above petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own handwriting; that the said signers are, to deponent's best knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the school district election at which the candidate(s) shall be voted for, and that the said petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the candidates(s) therein named and placing the candidates name on the official ballot in order to secure his/her election as a member of the Board of Education.

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF

SIGNATURE OF CIRCULATOR

_____.

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE

NOTICE: 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 further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission, (609) 292-8700.

CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

_____, the candidate for membership on the Board of Education named in the forgoing 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 pursuant to RS 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 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

_____, _____.

SIGNATURE

Printed or Typewritten Name of Candidate

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE

Candidate's Telephone Number

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."

NOTICE: 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 further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission, (609) 292-8700.

CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

_____, the candidate for membership on the Board of Education named in the forgoing 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 pursuant to RS 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 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

_____, _____.

SIGNATURE

Printed or Typewritten Name of Candidate

Candidate's Telephone Number

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE

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."

NOTICE: 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 further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission, (609) 292-8700.

CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

_____, the candidate for membership on the Board of Education named in the forgoing 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 pursuant to RS 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 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

_____, _____.

SIGNATURE

Printed or Typewritten Name of Candidate

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE

Candidate's Telephone Number

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."



State of New Jersey

ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

THOMAS H. PROL
Chairman

RYAN PETERS
Commissioner

NORMA R. EVANS
Commissioner

JON-HENRY BARR
Commissioner

Respond to:
P.O. Box 185
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0185

(609) 292-8700

Website: www.elec.nj.gov/

AMANDA S. HAINES
Executive Director

JOSEPH W. DONOHUE
Deputy Director

THERESA J. LELINSKI
Legal Director

AUREA VAZQUEZ-ALEXANDER
Compliance Director

EDWIN R. MATTHEWS
Legal Counsel

ALL CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES ARE REQUIRED TO FILE ELECTRONICALLY

Forms A-1, A-2, A-3, D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, C-1, C-3, E-1 and E-3 are short forms that must be filed directly on ELEC's website.

Forms R-1, R-3 and 72/24-HR (72/24-Hour Notices) must be filed electronically using the Commission's web-based filing application.



All seminars/webinars, manuals and instructional videos are posted on ELEC's website. Filers can register for seminars/webinars and can request manuals through the website.

Reporting dates are posted for each election and/or reporting period.

The Compliance and IT Staff of the Commission are available to assist filers and can be reached at (609) 292-8700.