

(SAMPLE) NOMINATING PETITION FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Note: Typically, deleting the word "sample" above makes this form a valid nominating petition. However, some County Boards of Elections have their own nominating petitions which vary from NJSBA's sample petition.

Please contact your County Board of Elections for details.

TO: _____, Secretary of the _____ Board of Education

A. NOMINATING STATEMENT:

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of _____ School District of _____ (Municipality) in _____ (County), New Jersey. We hereby endorse (Name of Candidate) _____, whose address is (Street and Number, Post Office) _____, as a candidate 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 be printed on the official ballot to be used at the ensuing election for the Board of Education to be held April _____, 20____.

B. SIGNATORIES:

(At least ten 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) _____ is legally qualified under the laws of the State to be elected a member of the _____ Board of Education.

	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	_____

C. VERIFICATION

_____ being duly sworn or affirmed according to the law on his/her oath (Print Name of the Petitioner Swearing/Affirming) 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 shall be voted for, and that the said petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the candidate therein named and placing the candidate's 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 I BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE OF SAME PETITIONER LISTED ON THE LINE ABOVE IN THIS SECTION. THIS PETITIONER MUST BE ONE OF THE SIGNATORIES NAMED IN SECTION B.

IMPORTANT NOTE: NOMINATING PETITION CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

(Sample) Nominating Petition for Annual School Election (continued)

D. 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.

E. CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

_____, the candidate for membership on the Board of Education named in the foregoing 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 as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 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 and 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 I BEFORE ME THIS
_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

SIGNATURE

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED OR TYPEWRITTEN NAME OF CANDIDATE

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates filing a nominating petition for board membership must meet the following qualifications:

- He/She is a citizen of the United States of America.
- He/She must be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age to qualify for office.
- He/She must be able to read and write.
- He/She has been a resident of the municipality from which he/she is to be elected for at least one year preceding the date of the election.
- He/She is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:4-1.
- He/She is a registered voter in the district.

No board of education member shall be directly or indirectly involved in any contract with, or claim against, the board.

(Note: Board Secretaries are encouraged to fill out this section prior to distribution to school board candidates.)

Completed nominating petitions shall be filed with the secretary of the board on or before 4:00 p.m. of the fiftieth day preceding the date of the election, or (Date)_____. The board office is located at (Board Address)_____ and the days, dates and business hours during which the office is open to receive petitions are:

Received by: _____

BOARD SECRETARY/DESIGNEE

At: _____
TIME **DATE**