

POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON EDUCATION

Qualifications

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Residency and Literacy Requirements

The NJSBA believes that qualifications for board of education candidates should include being a registered voter, residency in the district for one year, and the ability to read and write. *[Authority: DA 5/76-CR (Competency), DA 6/93-SR, DA 11/98-SR, DA 5/03-SR, DA 5/08-SR, DA 5/13-SR, DA 5/18-SR]*

Definition of Competency and Local Control

The NJSBA believes that competence to serve as a school board member is a subjective concept that is best determined locally by voters or the appointing authority. *[Authority: DA 5/76-CR (Competency), DA 11/98-SR, DA 5/03-SR, DA 5/08-SR, DA 5/13-SR, DA 5/18-SR]*

Criminal Background Checks

The NJSBA believes that board members and charter school trustee members should have the opportunity to demonstrate affirmatively to the Commissioner of Education evidence of rehabilitation upon finding of a criminal offense that would disqualify them from membership. *[Authority: DA 11/11-1, DA 5/13-SR, DA 5/18-SR]*

Cross Reference: 9112 Elections/Appointment
9114 Resignation/Removal from Office
9200 Orientation/Training

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