

School Board Constitutional Duties

“The school board shall operate, control and supervise all free public schools within the school district and determine the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed [by the constitution].” (Florida Constitution)

School Boards are also responsible for:

- Adopting curriculum and behavior standards and policies;
- Establishing schools, school attendance areas, and school calendar;
- Governing personnel matters;
- Collectively bargaining employee salaries;
- Adopting standards of ethical conduct for instructional personnel and school administrators.

<https://tinyurl.com/mrkkp4v9>

HOW PREPARED ARE YOUR CANDIDATES TO BE EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS?

Use our checklist inside to help you decide, and learn more about each candidate by:

- attending candidate forums
- reading their statements
- listening to them at school board meetings
- contacting them with your questions
- using school board candidate information at VOTE411.org, available for most districts.

About the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters (LWV) was founded over 100 years ago to educate voters and to promote democracy. The League remains non-partisan, never endorsing or opposing any candidate for public office.

Because local school board members play a vital role in creating educational policy for school districts, the League of Women Voters of Florida (LWVFL) provides voters this checklist that offers guidance on qualities to look for when voting for Board of Education candidates in your school district.

For more information about current education issues, please visit our website:

<https://lwvfl.org/issues/education/>



Election Dates 2024

Primary Election: August 20

General Election: November 5

Keep in mind:

- Voters must request mail-in ballots for the 2024 election cycle.
- The deadline for mail-in ballot requests is 12 days before the election.
- **Many local races are decided in the Primary Election.**

Voting for School Board Members



A Checklist for Making Smart Choices

*Your vote matters.
Your vote is your voice.*

School Board Candidate Checklist

Write candidate names in spaces below and check off the qualities you observe.

Some important qualities for school board candidates:									
Knowledge of District	* Lives in the district								
	Active in community								
	Children/family in district								
Personal and Leadership Qualities	High ethical standards								
	Organizational skills								
	Leadership skills								
	Communication skills								
	Able to compromise								
Knowledge of Public Education and Related Issues	Supports public education								
	Experience in education								
	Understands impact of school board decisions								
	Understands current issues facing public education								
	Understands budget process								
Fairness and Ability to Represent Many Points of View	Supports all students & families, regardless of background, ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity								
	Accountable to students, teachers/staff, parents, and community members								
	Open to various stakeholders' input when making school board policies								
	Committed to making decisions based on fact - not on personal or religious beliefs or party affiliation								
Transparency	Participates in nonpartisan candidate forums.								