

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Persons eligible to serve as members of the School Board shall have the following minimum qualifications:

1. A Board member shall have attained the age of eighteen (18).
2. A Board member shall be a resident of the election district for the preceding year, with limited exception, or in the case of reapportionment.
3. A Board member shall have resided in the state for the preceding two (2) years.
4. A Board member shall be able to read and write.
5. A Board member shall not be serving on certain other boards specified in the Constitution of Louisiana.
6. A Board member shall have affirmed to the prescribed oath.

It is desirable that members of the Board have a genuine interest in and devotion to public education; a willingness to give time and effort to the work; a capacity for understanding people; and the ability to work cooperatively with others.

Each Board member should recognize that he is a public official charged with an important responsibility. In view of the fact that Board members are elected to their position, each member has a responsibility to the voters who have elected him; however, representation should serve the best interest of the school system as a whole rather than that of a single district.

Ref: Constitution of Louisiana, Art. VIII, Sec. 8(a); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:52, 17.71.2, 17:71.3, 42:141.