

SCHOOL BOARD 101



WHAT IS A SCHOOL BOARD?

School Boards in Colorado are composed of unpaid, elected representatives who are selected to represent their community in school district level decisions.

WHAT AUTHORITY DO THEY HAVE?

School board members are responsible for overseeing the management of schools and services in their school district. This means that they ensure that students get the best education for the tax dollars spent and advocate that their community's school receive proper funding. Some of the primary responsibilities of the school board is to hire the superintendent, approve the budget, and set the strategic direction of the school district.

WHO DO THEY REPRESENT?

School board members are elected representatives of the residents of the districts in which they reside.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO RUN FOR SCHOOL BOARD?

Candidates must be a resident of the school district and a registered voter for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the election. No person who has been convicted of a sexual offense against a child is eligible to serve on the school board. Because school director elections are nonpartisan, candidates may not campaign as members of a political party.

HOW LONG DO THEY SERVE?

Each school board member is elected to serve a four-year term and can run for two terms.

WHEN ARE ELECTIONS HELD?

School Board elections are held in odd years. Not all representatives are up for election at the same time to provide some consistency on the board. For example, four members will be elected in November 2017 and the remaining three members are elected in November 2019.

Aurora's board seats are all "at-large," covering the entire district.

Five of the seven Denver school board seats are elected by a region of Denver, (for example District 4 covers Northeast Denver), and two seats are "at-large" meaning all district residents can vote for these representatives. One at-large representative is elected during each school board election.



WHO CAN VOTE IN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS?

All registered voters in the district can vote for their school board representative regardless of whether or not they have children in the public school system.

WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT AM I IN?

[Here](#) is how to find out which district you're in and if you are registered to vote. Enter the information used on your voter registration card. Look under the County and Information Tab to find out the elections in which you can vote. Use this site to check you ballot status and find your polling location. The site also provides a link to county voting resources. Moved Recently? You can change your voter registration address here, too!

WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT AURORA'S SCHOOL BOARD?

[Aurora Public Schools Board Documents and Minutes](#)

Aurora Public Schools District Strategic Plan: [APS 2020: Shaping the Future](#)

[Aurora Public Schools District Maps](#)

[Superintendent Contract](#)

Superintendent Salary:

Base: \$226,433.00 (as of July 1, 2016)

Adjustments: Salary is adjusted consistent with manner in which Administrative and Professional/Technical Staff Members receive pay raises.

Bonus: Entitled to bonus up to 10% of adjusted base salary for each year the District improves its District Performance accreditation category.

WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT DENVER'S SCHOOL BOARD?

[Denver School Board Documents and Minutes](#)

Denver School District Strategic Plan: [Denver Plan 2020](#)

[Denver School Board District Maps](#)

[Superintendent Contract](#)

Superintendent Salary:

\$225,917.72 (as of Jan 2009)

Adjustments: Annual COLA (as long as positive).

Bonus: Not to exceed \$50,000. \$25,000 for meeting or exceeding goals agreed upon by the Board and Superintendent. \$25,000 upon results of annual performance review.