

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Member Residency

A school director must be a resident of the school district to be eligible to continue to serve as a school board member. If a director's residence changes to a place outside the district, the director must resign and his/her eligibility to serve ends.

A director is required to live within a specific director area of the district in order to be elected or appointed to the school board, and the director's residence changes to a place outside the director area, but within the district, the director may continue to serve on the school board until the next regular school district election (in the fall of odd numbered years). At that time an election will be held to fill the board position for that director area in which the director no longer resides. If such change of residence occurs after the filing period for the regular school district election, and the director is in the first two years of his/her term, he/she may continue to serve from a residence outside the director area, but within the district, until the end of the term he/she was elected to.

If a director's director area boundaries change as a result of redrawn boundary lines, such that a director no longer resides in the director area that he/she represents, the director shall retain the position for the remainder of the term of office.

Cross References:

- 1105 Electoral System
- 1110 Elections
- 1114 Board Member Resignation and Vacancy

Legal References:

- RCW 28A.343.340 When elected—Eligibility
- RCW 28A.343.350 Residency
- RCW 29A.04.151 Residence
- RCW 29A.76.010 Counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts
- RCW 42.12.010 Causes of Vacancy
- AGO 7508.00 – 1975 No. 8 Vacancy upon voluntary change of residence out of director district (note 1999 modification by RCW 28A.343.340)

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