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Tell us what's happening at your schools!

What is happening in your school? What are your students bringing home? Are they safe in their classrooms, playgrounds, or bus? We will keep your information confidential until after we talk. We will respond within 48 hours.

Email: info@citizensfordelawareschools.org

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Donate to our cause

If you'd like to support our work in making schools better for everyone, you can write a check payable to Citizens for Delaware Schools, Inc. and send to:

P.O. Box 4802

Wilmington, DE 19807

Any amount goes a long way toward covering our costs. Your donations are tax-deductible to the extent covered under the law.

Lend us a hand

We always welcome people willing to help us inform Delawareans about what is going on at School Boards and in the schools themselves. We are open to your ideas about how we expand our presence to get the word out.

Two areas where we could use help:

1. Listening to or attending school board meetings in your district
2. Surfacing stories (good and concerning) of parents, teachers and schools

2024 Voters Guide



DELAWARE



School Board Candidates

In their own words, their views on key education issues



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About This Guide

COMPILING THIS GUIDE

To enable communities to understand the principles and positions that will guide them in their new term, we also asked all candidates to answer questions covering a wide range of education issues so you can understand how they will govern.

We did not edit any individual's answers although a word limit was given.

Some candidates up for re-election are returning to their school boards because they had no challenger and therefore no election.

All candidates were given the same opportunity multiple times to respond to the survey. Several candidates provided no contact information to be included.

A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER'S ROLE

Hire the superintendent, who oversees administrators and educators.

Hold superintendent accountable for student outcomes.

Ensure the district's financial health and proper allocation of millions of public dollars.

Ensure effective execution of the strategic plan with clear and measurable goals

Be responsive to the interests of the community - families, taxpayers, and educators

Voting in School Board Elections



Who Can Vote

- A U.S. citizen and Delaware resident
- A resident of the school district
- 18 years of age on or before day of the election

You do not need to be a property owner or be registered to vote

Where to Vote

Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. on Tuesday, May 14. You can vote at any listed location within your school district.

To find your polling place:

1. Go to the [Delaware Department of Elections School Board website](https://elections.delaware.gov/school/):
<https://elections.delaware.gov/school/>
2. Scroll down until you've found your school district, click it, and you'll see the polling places for your district.

ID Required

Bring one of the following forms of identification:

- State-issued photo ID
- Utility bill
- Any government document with voter's name and address

**School Board Election:
Tuesday, May 14
Polls open 7 am - 8 pm**

Tips to Vote Wisely

Go to your School District website to learn what the School Board discusses at its meetings.

Attend candidate forums.

Consult your local newspaper.

Use this guide to learn about the positions of school board members on key education issues.

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Absentee Voting



If you can't vote in person on Election Day, you may be able to vote by absentee ballot based on one of the reasons noted in the application for an absentee ballot. **You do not have to be registered to vote in school board elections.**

You must request your absentee ballot by Noon, Friday, May 10.

Everything You Need to Know:

[Absentee Ballot Voting Information:](#)

<https://elections.delaware.gov/voter/absentee/absenteeschool.shtml>

Ways To Request a Ballot:

- [Download Absentee Ballot Request form:](#)
https://elections.delaware.gov/voter/absentee/pdfs/absentee_ballot_application_school_elections.pdf
- Visit ivote.de.gov.
- Call or email the Department of Elections to request an application.
- Pick up an application in person at the nearest [Department of Elections](#) offices.

Important Deadlines

Noon, May 10: request ballot

8 pm, May 14: ballot received

To Return Your Ballot:

Complete, sign, and return your ballot to arrive by 8 pm on Tuesday, May 14 (Election Day).

You can return your ballot by mailing the ballot or dropping off the ballot at the Department of Elections office in your county.

School Board Election Overview



All 17 School Board Districts have seats up for election every year. All eligible voters in a school district can vote in all races for that district, regardless of nominating district. Where only one candidate is running for a school board seat, the Department declares the candidate elected and does not hold an election for the seat. Elections for contested seats will be occurring in the following districts:

New Castle County

Appoquinimink

Christina

Colonial

Red Clay

Kent County

Lake Forest

Sussex County

Delmar

Indian River District 4

Woodbridge

New Castle County



APPOQUINIMINK

- [Norm Abrams Jr.](#) (both)
- Timothy Johns
- Candace Jusino (ACLU)
- Britney Mumford (ACLU)

BRANDYWINE (no election)

- District G – Jason Heller
- District E – Shawn Jegede*
(ACLU) *Seat up for new term
in 2025

CHRISTINA

- Matt Clifford
- [Amy Trauth](#) (both)

COLONIAL

- Robin Crossan
- [Tanya Kerns](#) (both)

RED CLAY

- [Jason Casper](#) (both)
- Susan Sander (ACLU)

SMYRNA (no election)

To see candidate responses to ACLU survey, go to <https://votedelaware.org/2024-school-board-candidates/>

Candidate Forums

Citizensfordelawareschools.org/events



CHRISTINA SCHOOL BOARD FORUM

Monday, April 22, 6 to 7 pm

[Click Here To Register](#)



RED CLAY SCHOOL BOARD FORUM

Tuesday, April 30, 6 to 7 pm

[Click Here To Register](#)



APPOQUINIMINK SCHOOL BOARD FORUM

Tuesday April 23, 6 to 7:30 pm

[Click Here To Register](#)



COLONIAL SCHOOL BOARD FORUM

Wednesday, May 1, 6 to 7 pm

[Click Here To Register](#)