

BY-LAW**QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

A member of the Board of Education must be at least 18 years old, a citizen and resident of the district for at least one year immediately preceding his/her election, and able to read and write. Board members must meet all other qualifications required by law and shall be bound by the School Ethics Act.

In addition, a board member must not be disqualified for board membership due to the conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. In order to fulfill this requirement:

1. Each member of the Board, within thirty (30) days of the election or appointment to the board will undergo a criminal history background check investigation for the purpose of ensuring that the member is not disqualified for membership due to a conviction of a crime or offense pursuant to the statute listed above; and
2. The Board will reimburse the member for the cost of the criminal history record check, including all costs for administering and processing the check provided that the results of the criminal history record check do not disqualify the member for board membership. Otherwise, the member is responsible for such costs.

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Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1	Qualifications of Board Members
N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.2	Criminal history background check for Board members
N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1	Oaths
N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.2	False Affirmation, disqualification
N.J.S.A. 18A:12-3	Cessation of membership
N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21	School Ethics Act

Vittoria v. West Orange Board of Education, 122 N.J. Super. 340 (App. Div.) (1973)

Possible Cross References:

9110	Number of Members and Terms of Office
9223	Oath of Office
9270	Conflict of Interest
9271	Code of Ethics