

Board Member Qualifications

ELIGIBILITY

Board member qualifications are established by applicable provisions of the Kentucky Constitution and Kentucky Statutes. These specific provisions prevail over the following general description. To be eligible for membership on the Board, a person must meet the following qualifications:¹

1. Has attained the age of twenty-four (24) years;
2. Has been a citizen of Kentucky for at least three (3) consecutive years preceding his/her election;
3. Is a legally qualified voter of the division or district (in the case of independent school districts) for which s/he is elected;²
4. Has completed at least the twelfth grade or has been issued a High School Equivalency Diploma;
5. Cannot hold any elective federal, state, county, or city office, serve as an officer or employee of a city or county, hold a federal office of "trust or profit," or serve as an appointed officer of a special purpose governmental entity with taxation authority unless specifically authorized by statute;
6. As of the date of election, has no interest, direct or indirect, in the sale to the Board of books, stationery or any other property, materials, supplies, equipment, or services for which school funds are expended;
7. Has never been removed from membership on a Board of Education for cause; and
8. Has no relative, as defined in KRS 160.180, employed by the District. This prohibition does not apply to a member holding office on July 13, 1990 who has a relative who was initially employed by the District before the member was elected to the Board.

A Board member shall be eligible for reelection unless s/he becomes disqualified.

REFERENCES:

¹Kentucky Constitution Sections 165, 237; KRS 61.080; KRS 160.180

²Moore v. Tiller, KY., 409 S.W. 2d 813 (1966)
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