



2026 School Board Election Deadlines Example

Annual school board elections must be held between **April 1 and June 30** (NDCC 15.1-09-22). **NDSBA is using June 9, 2026, as an EXAMPLE election date. If you have a different election date, compute your schedule in accordance with state law cited below.** If your school board election is held in conjunction with a county election, the county election board should administer the election in the same manner as the county or state election. (NDCC 15.1-09-13(4))

MARCH							APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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March 7, 2026 - 94 days before the election

30 days before the deadline for candidate names to be printed on the ballot, an official notice of this deadline must be published in the official newspaper of the city or county. (NDCC 15.1-09-09)

April 6, 2026 - 64 days before the election

An individual seeking election to the board of a school district shall prepare and sign a document (Statement of Intent) stating the individual's name and the position for which that individual is a candidate. A candidate shall also file a Statement of Interests as required by section 16.1-09-02. All candidates in school district with student enrollment of 1,000 students or more must file a campaign contribution statement as required by section 16.1-08.1-02.3. These documents must be filed with the school district business manager or mailed to and in the possession of the business manager by 4:00 p.m. **on the 64th day before** the election. (NDCC 15.1-09-08)

Each board of a school district that enters into an agreement with the county to share election expenses must notify the county auditor in writing **at least 64 days before** the election of the offices to be filled at the election and any measures to appear on the ballot. (NDCC 15.1-09-24) NOTE: This deadline only applies to school districts holding the annual election in conjunction with a primary election and sharing election expenses with a county.

April 30, 2026 - 40 days before the election

At least 40 days before the election, the business manager shall prepare and cause to be printed, or otherwise uniformly reproduced, an official ballot containing the names of all individuals who have indicated their intent to be candidates by meeting the provision in NDCC 15.1-09-08. (NDCC 15.1-09-11)

May 5, 2026 - 35 days before the election

At least 35 days prior to the annual election, the board of each school district shall designate one or more precincts for the election. The board shall arrange the precincts in a way that divides the electors of the district as equally as possible. (NDCC 15.1-09-13(1))

At least 35 days prior to the annual election, the board of each school district shall designate one or more polling places for each precinct. The board shall locate the polling places as conveniently as possible for the voters in the precinct. (NDCC 15.1-09-13(2))

May 26, 2026 - 14 days before the election

At least fourteen days before the date of an annual or special school district election, the school board shall publish a notice in the official newspaper of the district stating the time and place of the election and the purpose of the vote. (NDCC 15.1-09-09)

June 9, 2026 - Election day

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June 22, 2026 - 13 days after the election

On the thirteenth day after the election, the school board shall meet to canvass all election returns and shall declare the result of an election. (NDCC 15.1-09-15)

June 25, 2026 - 3 days after canvassing

Within three days after the canvass by the school board for a school district election, the business manager of the school district shall provide to each elected individual written notice of the individual's election and of the duty to take an affirmation or oath of office. (NDCC 15.1-09-17)

June 23-July 2, 2026 - 10 days after canvassing

Within ten days after the canvass by the school board, the business manager shall certify the individuals elected and their terms to the County Superintendent of Schools. (NDCC 15.1-09-17) An individual elected as a member of or appointed to a school board shall take and file with the school district business manager an affirmation or oath of office **within ten days** after receiving notice of the election or appointment and before commencing duties. (NDCC 15.1-09-25)