

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUALIFICATIONS OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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- 1310.1 “Any citizen of this Commonwealth, having a good moral character, being eighteen (18) years of age or upwards, and having been a resident of the district for at least one (1) year prior to the date of his election or appointment, shall be eligible to the office of school director therein provided That.” [Sec. 322]
- 1310.2 “Any person holding any office or position of profit under the government of any city of the first class, or the office of mayor, chief burgess, county commissioner, district attorney, city, borough, or township treasurer, member of council in any municipality, township commissioner, township supervisor, tax collector, assessor, assistant assessor, any comptroller, auditor, constable, executive director or assistant executive director of an intermediate unit, supervisor, principal, teacher, or employe of any school district, shall not be eligible as a school director in this Commonwealth. This section shall not prevent any district superintendent, assistant district superintendent, supervisor, teacher, or employe of any school district from being a school director in a district other than the one in which he is so employed, and other than in a district with which the district in which he is employed operates a joint school or department: Provided, however, That a joint school or department does not include a vocational school, intermediate unit or community college: And provided further, That a school director who is a supervisor, principal, teacher or employe of a vocational school, intermediate unit or community college shall not serve as a member of a board of the vocational school, intermediate unit or community college in which he is a supervisor, principal, teacher or employe: And provided further, That a school director who is a supervisor, principal, teacher or employe of a vocational school, intermediate unit or community college, shall not be assigned to a position of employment under the supervision of the district in which he or she serves as a member of the board of school directors. A school director shall not be eligible to the office of member of council in any municipality.” [Sec. 322]
- 1310.3 “Any person who has held any office of trust or profit under the laws of the United States or of this Commonwealth, or in any county, city, borough, incorporated town, or township therein, and has been removed therefrom for any malfeasance in office, shall not be eligible to the office of school director.” [Sec. 323]

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- 1310.4 A person who has been removed from the office of school director for refusal or neglect to perform his/her duties as a Board member "...shall not be eligible again as school director for the period of five (5) years thereafter." [Sec. 318]
- 1310.5 "Every person who shall, individually or by or through any agent or representative, directly or indirectly, promise, pay, or give to any school director in this Commonwealth, any sum of money or other valuable thing, or make any promise of any office or appointment of any kind, in order to influence or secure the voting for, or the appointment of, himself, or any other person, as a teacher, executive director or assistant executive director of an intermediate unit, district superintendent, assistant superintendent, tax collector, attendance officer, or to any other position connected with the public schools of this Commonwealth, or for the purpose of having his salary increased while holding any appointment under the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine or not less than five dollars (\$5) or more than five hundred (\$500), or be sentenced to the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days or more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court. Any person so convicted shall thereafter be ineligible to be engaged as a teacher or to hold any office or appointment provided for by the provisions of this act." [Sec. 325]
- 1310.6 Qualifying for memberships
- If elected by popular vote, must present to the Board a certificate of his/her election. [Sec. 320]
 - Must take the oath of office. [Sec. 321]
 - Must complete qualifications as a member within ten days after the beginning of his/her term of office or remaining Board members may declare his/her office vacant. [Sec. 319]
- 1310.7 Candidates for office of School Director may cross-file and may use the cumulation of votes for nomination to this office (Act No. 171-July 7, 1972).

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