

ELECTION

General Procedures

The Board of ESD 113 (counties of Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Grays Harbor and Pacific, State of Washington) consists of seven (7) members elected by local school district board members throughout the ESD 113 area. All members represent the district as a whole, although a member must reside in one of the seven (7) director districts of ESD 113 as provided by law. A member relinquishes their position on the Board upon change of residence outside of the director district.

A person who meets all qualifications as required by law and who is a registered voter and a resident of the ESD 113 director district may become a candidate for the ESD 113 Board by filing a declaration of candidacy and affidavit with the Secretary to the State Board of Education.

ESD 113 director districts include the following school districts:

- District 1 - Chehalis, Morton, Mossyrock, Onalaska, Tenino, Toledo, White Pass, Yelm
- District 2 - Adna, Boistfort, Centralia, Evaline, Napavine, Pe Ell, Raymond, Rochester, South Bend, Vader, Willapa Valley, Winlock
- District 3 - Grapeview, Griffin, Hood Canal, Mary M. Knight, North Thurston (Director District 1), Pioneer, Shelton, Southside
- District 4 - McCleary, Olympia
- District 5 - North Thurston (Director Districts 2 – 5)
- District 6 - Aberdeen, Cosmopolis, Hoquiam, North Beach, Ocosta, Quinault, Taholah, Wishkah Valley
- District 7 - Elma, Montesano, North River, Oakville, Rainier, Satsop, Tumwater

ESD 113 Board members are elected by a vote of all local school board members from each of the director districts in ESD 113. For example, the board member residing in Director District 5 is elected by local school board members in director districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 in addition to Director District 5.

Balloting is by mail, through the office of the State Board of Education.

Qualifications

Prospective Board members must meet the following qualifications:

- 1) be a registered voter of the ESD 113 director district;
- 2) be a resident of the ESD 113 director district;
- 3) on or before the date for taking office, make an oath or affirmation to support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Washington, and to faithfully discharge the duties of office according to the best of his/her ability;
- 4) cannot concurrently serve as an employee of a school district or as a member of a board of directors of a common school district or as a member of the State Board of Education; and

5) may be required by the State Board of Education to provide bond.

Timelines for Elections

Elections are held in odd-numbered years, pursuant to the following timeline:

August 25	Secretary of State Board of Education calls the election
September 1-16	Open filing period for ESD 113 Board vacancies
October 16	Last day to cast a ballot
October 25	Ballots counted and results announced
November 1	Date for runoff election if no candidate receives a majority of the votes in a race of more than two candidates
November 16	Last day to cast a ballot
November 25	Ballots counted and results announced

Term of Office

The term of office for members of the Board is four (4) years and until a successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified.

The term of every Board member shall begin on the second Monday in January following the election at which he/she was elected, provided that a person elected to less than a full term shall take office as soon as the election returns have been certified and he/she has qualified.

Each appointed Board member shall serve until his/her successor has been elected at the next election called by the Secretary of the State Board of Education.

Reference:

RCW 28A.310.070

RCW 28A.310.090

RCW 28A.310.100

RCW 28A.310.150

Cross Reference:

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