



COCHISE COUNTY

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE PAMPHLET

General Election: November 5, 2024

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General Election Calendar 2024

June 8	First Date for Non-partisan Candidates To File Nomination Petitions & Papers A.R.S. 16-311(B)
July 8	Last Date For Non-partisan Candidates To File Nomination Petitions & Papers A.R.S. 16-311(B)
July 22	Last day to file as a write in candidate for elections that may be cancelled A.R.S. 16-312
September 26	Last Date For Candidate Statements To Be Submitted for Posting To County Schools' Website
September 26	Last day to file as a write in candidate for elections that can't be cancelled A.R.S. 16-312
October 7	Last Date To Register To Vote In General Election A.R.S. 16-120
October 9	Early Voting For General Election Begins A.R.S. 16-542
November 1	Last Date To Vote At On-Site Location (Recorder's Office) A.R.S. 16-542
November 5	General Election A.R.S. 16-211

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS

Individuals seeking election to the governing body of a school district must be a registered voter of the state and a resident of the school district for one year immediately preceding the day of election. No employee of a school district or the spouse of such employee may hold membership on a governing board of a school district in which they are employed. Persons related as immediate family who have the same household of residence within four years prior shall not serve simultaneously on the governing board of the same school district if the governing board is composed of five members. (A.R.S. §15-421)

1. The Candidate Statement of Interest must be filed with the County School Superintendent's Office before petition signatures are obtained. **This form may be filed by email.**
2. Start collecting signatures using the Non-partisan Nomination Petition.
3. Petition & Nomination Paper Filing: File your petitions and Nomination Paper **Between June 8 and July 8, 2024. These forms must be filed at our office.**
4. Candidates may submit a 500 word statement and a 2x3 photograph for publication onto the Cochise County School Superintendent's website anytime between **July 8, 2024 and September 26, 2024.**

NOTE: All initial paperwork is filed with the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office

2024 FILING PROCEDURES FOR CANDIDATES

If a candidate receives contributions or makes expenditures, in any combination, of \$1,400 the candidate must file a Statement of Organization with our office to register as a candidate committee. A Statement of Organization must be filed within 10 days [A.R.S. §16-906(c)] of surpassing \$1,400. A candidate that files this form will be required to file periodic Campaign Finance Reports. Penalties apply to late filers. See more info on page 7.

Cochise County School Board Positions Open for Election 2024

District	Service Term	Min # of Petition Signatures
Apache Elementary #42		
Hanisch, Dennis	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026	1
Krentz, Frank	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Zappone-Dodge, Dawn	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Ash Creek Elementary #53		
Koole, Deborah	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	3
Benson Unified #09		
Barney, Brett	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	27
Bernal, Robert	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	27
Roberts, Ann	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	27
Bisbee Unified #02		
Litrell, Ann	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	22
Loy, Carol	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	22
Vertrees, Christopher	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	22
Bowie Elementary #14		
Goodman, Jeffrey	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Klump, John	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Klump, Riley	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Myers, Michael	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Portugal, Ricardo	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Cochise Elementary #26		
Ricketts, Carolyn	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Cochise Technology #01-08		
Allred, Jared (Bowie)	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Bradford, Pam (St David)	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	12
Devere, Robert (Tombstone)	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	25
Lentz, Christopher (San Simon)	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	2
McBeth, Jennifer (Bisbee)	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	22
Moreno, Megan (Benson)	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	27
Scott, Johanna (Sierra Vista)	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	156
Double Adobe Elementary #45		
Gijanto, Sean	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	1
Douglas Unified #27		
Borane, Ray	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	50

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Elfrida Elementary #12		
Christinat, Walter "Creed"	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026	3
De La Cruz, Yesenia	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	3
Hibbits, Michelle	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	3
Warn, Andrew	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	3
Naco Elementary #23		
Romero, Brisa	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	4
Palominas Elementary #49		
Alvarez, Derek	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	39
Ritter, Sheila	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	39
Pearce Elementary #22-03		
Casady, Jennifer	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	7
Pomerene Elementary #64		
Blaschke, Janelle	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026	4
Contreras, Lianna	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	4
Fenn, Donald	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	4
Judd, Danna	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	4
Walker, Paul	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026	4
San Simon Unified #18		
Grill, Peter	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026	2
Pierce, Dusty	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	2
Reynolds, Robert	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	2
Sloan, Jason	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	2
Sierra Vista Unified #68		
Boutte, Yolanda	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	156
Kiyabu, Kale	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	156
Robinson, Kimberly	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	156
St. David Unified #21		
Davis, Jay Tyler	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	12
Gooding, Wendy	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	12
Kartchner, Jacob	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	12
Tombstone Unified #01		
Guin, Keith	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	25
Shelley, Rick	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	25
Wood, Andrea	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	25

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Valley Union High #22-05		
Evans, Jessica	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	13
Mortenson, Cynthia	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	13
Vacant	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026	13
Willcox Unified #13		
Garza, Rachel	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	18
Hansen, Homer	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026	18
Hopkins, Mark	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	18
Ryan, Bill	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028	18
Shipley, Cliff	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026	18

Candidate Statement of Interest

Anyone seeking a county or school district office must file a **Candidate Statement of Interest** form. If you are planning to run for School Board, you **MUST** file this form with the Cochise County School Superintendent. You should file this form before obtaining any petition signatures. If you do not file the form, you risk candidate challenge in Superior Court. This means signatures gathered before your filing may be excluded.

- This form may be filed electronically, by email, to kmadden@cochise.az.gov
- This information will be available to the public

Nomination Paper & Affidavit Of Qualification

- In the first of this three-section form, candidates must state office, date of general election and meet residency requirements.
- In the second section of the form, the candidate must list the manner in which they desire to have their name appear on the official ballot.
- The third section, the Campaign Law Statement, requires the candidate's signature only.

Note: Names printed on the official ballot are limited to last name and first name. Abbreviations, initials, and nicknames are permissible as long as they do not suggest a title. Abbreviated names or nicknames MAY be printed with quotation marks. The candidate's last name will always appear first on the official ballot.

The Non-Partisan Nomination Petition

This petition is used to nominate a person to a particular office within a political division or district, regardless of party affiliation. Each person signing must be a qualified elector and resident of the division or district of the candidate.

- The Nomination Petition Form must be 8 1/2 x 11 inches and contain 10 signature lines.
- A photograph of the candidate *may* appear on the Nonpartisan Nomination Petitions.
- Candidates must file *at least* the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought. If there are too few signatures, the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office will not accept the nominating petitions.
- Each form should be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition, followed by the body of the petition stating the intent of the petitioners. The purpose of the petition must also include the length of term for the candidate.
- All petitions will be signed by a circulator who is qualified to register to vote in this state. The circulator's name is to be typed or printed under such person's signature. The circulator's actual residence address or, if no street address, a description of residence location shall be included on the petition. Information on registering as an out of state circulator can be found at: <http://azsos.gov>.
- A voter may sign the number of candidate petitions equal to the number to be elected within that office. For example, in a school board election, if there are three seats up for election, a voter may sign up to three candidate petitions.

Note: The Office of the County School Superintendent does not verify signatures on petitions; however, they are subject to challenge. Nomination papers, Affidavit of Qualifications, petitions, and financial disclosure statements become public record once filed.

Write-In Candidates

Write-in candidate names will not be printed on the ballot. A list of write-in candidates and the offices they seek will be posted in a conspicuous location inside the polling location and on the County Website. A vote for a write-in candidate is cast only when the voter writes the candidate's name on the ballot at the appropriate line for the office and fills in the oval on the ballot. Any person who does not file a timely Write-In Nomination Paper shall not be counted in the tally of ballots. A.R.S. §16-312 (C).

- Any person desiring to become a write-in candidate for an election that may be cancelled shall file the **Write-In Nomination Paper** not later than **July 22, 2024**
- Any person desiring to become a write-in candidate for an election that has not been cancelled shall file a **Write-In Nomination Paper** not later than **September 26, 2024**.

Candidate Statement For County Website

Candidates may submit a 500 word statement and a recent photograph for posting on the Cochise County School Superintendent's website.

- Candidate statements shall either be typewritten or electronically submitted and will be posted verbatim, as it is received.
- If a candidate does not submit a statement, the county school superintendent's website shall state "no response submitted" for the candidate.
- The photograph should be no larger than 2 inches x 3 inches.
- Statements and photographs may be submitted beginning **July 8, 2024** through **September 26, 2024**. The statements and photographs will be published online by September 27, 2024.

Send your Candidate Statement to: kmadden@cochise.az.gov.

Campaign Contributions And Expenditures

Candidates who intend to receive contributions or make expenditures of more than \$1,400 in connection with a campaign shall designate a political campaign committee by filing a Statement of Organization. All required filing forms can be obtained from the Elections/Special Districts Office website. If a candidate never reaches the \$1,400 threshold; registration and reporting are not required.

Itemized and detailed statements of campaign contributions and expenditures must be filed by each candidate's campaign committee. Candidates receiving contributions and/or expenditures (in any combination) of at least \$1,400 in connection with his or her candidacy is required to form a committee within 10 days of reaching that threshold and filing a committee statement.

Legal Requirements For Campaign Advertisement, Literature & Signs

Any candidate/political committee wishing to post temporary political signs within city limits must first check with each city on any ordinance or regulations for posting political signs.

Political Candidates and campaign volunteers shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless Cochise County and its employees from and against any and all claims and damages caused in whole or in part by their negligent or willful acts or omissions related to the placement of political signs in, on or about County right of way/roadways.

- Any candidate/political committee posting political signs within city limits must first verify city ordinances and regulations for posting political signs. The Cochise County School Superintendent's Office is not responsible in any way for a candidate's political signs.
- Campaign literature or advertisement paid for by any political committee, as defined in **A.R.S. 15-901**, must disclose the words "paid for by" followed by the committee name.
- Bumper Stickers, pins, buttons, pens and similar items too small to contain a disclosure of who paid for them are **not** required to disclose who paid for them .
- Signs paid for by a *candidate's own campaign committee* are not required to include disclosure of who paid for them.

Note: It is imperative that campaigning stay within the bounds of the law.

Please review A.R.S. 15-511