

**WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #416  
BOARD POLICY**

**No. 1110**

1000 - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Election

**1110 - Election Process**

A school board election shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years.

A person is legally qualified to become a member of the board who is a United States citizen and a qualified voter of the school district. Employees of the school district are precluded from serving on the board of directors.

A person may become a candidate for a place on the board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the County Auditor during the May filing period, as prescribed by law. In the event that there are more than two candidates for any position on the board, a primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday of August in the manner prescribed by law. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the school election ballot the following November.

If, prior to the first day of the regular filing period, a vacancy occurs in a school director position that is not scheduled to appear on the general election ballot, leaving an unexpired term for which a successor must be elected at the next general election, filings for that position will be accepted during the regular filing period. The filing officer will provide notice of the vacancy and filing period to newspapers, online, and/or other media. The position will appear on the primary and general election ballots unless no primary is required.

If, on the first day of the regular filing period or later, a vacancy occurs in a school director position that is not scheduled to appear on the general election ballot leaving an unexpired term, the election of the successor will occur at the next succeeding general election that the office is allowed by law to have an election.

If the regular filing period and deadline to withdraw, but prior to the day for the primary, a void in candidacy occurs, the filing officer will reopen the filing period of three normal business days. The filing officer will provide notice of the special filing period to newspapers, online, and/or other media. The candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast for that school director in the general election is deemed elected.

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Cross Reference:	Board Policy 1114 1610	Board Member Resignation and Vacancy Conflicts of Interest
Legal References:	RCW 28A.343.300 RCW 28A.343.320	Directors — Terms — Numbers Directors — Declarations of candidacy — Positions as separate offices

RCW 28A.343.330  
RCW 28A.343.340  
RCW 29.01.151  
RCW 29A.24.141  
RCW 29.15.181  
RCW 29.15.190  
RCW 29.21.210  
RCW 42.12.010

Directors — Ballots — Form  
Directors — When elected — Eligibility  
Residence  
Void in candidacy  
Regular filing period – Voids in candidacy  
Scheduled election lapses, when  
Local primaries  
Causes of vacancy

Management Resources:

*Policy News*, August 2011

*Policy News*, October 2006

Legislature clarifies law on vacancies and voids in candidacy, primary election date changes.  
Changes in Election law

*Original Adoption: November 25, 1985*

*Revised: 2015*