



Requirements for Elected Board Members

	Legal	Ethics	Additional CPS Policies
Candidates	Must be a US Citizen.	Must file a Statement of Economic Interests.	
	Must be 18 years old.		
	Must be a registered voter.		
	Must have a minimum 1 year residency in Chicago and of the electoral district.		
	Must not be a child sex offender.		
	Must have a signed petition from at least 1000 (but not more than 3000) voters residing in the electoral district.	<i>Recommended: Maintain a list of campaign donors and their contributions for public review. If any Board Contractors donate, ask them to disclose their political contributions as part of their contract disclosures to CPS.</i>	
While Serving as a Board Member	Will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while in the performance of their Board duties.	Must disclose potential conflicts, annually file financial disclosures for Cook County and CPS, monthly conflict disclosures, and any board service in a NFP or corporation.	Must take the Chicago Board of Education Oath of Office at their first public board meeting.
	Cannot hold other public office under Federal, State or any local government unless permitted by law.	Cannot be an employee of the district.	Must submit to a fingerprint-based criminal background check.
	Comply with 105 ILCS 5/10-9 summarized as no school board member shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in their own name or in the name of any other person, association, trust or corporation, in any contract, work or business of the district. <i>Example: No Board Member or their spouse shall have an ownership interest in being a Board Contractor.</i>	Unless an exception applies, shall not offer, solicit or accept any Gifts, favors, services, or promises of future employment: (a) based on any mutual understanding that official action will be influenced or (b) in return for giving advice on matters related to Board business. The Board Member's Spouse and members of Household are also subject to this Gift Ban.	Board Members will not represent positions conflicting with the District's on legislative matters on behalf of the Board or the District, unless it is made clear that such representation is not the official position of the District.
	Must complete training on the Open Meetings Act no later than ninety (90) days after taking the Oath of Office.	Board property, resources, and confidential information may only be used for Board purposes.	Annually, must complete training on the Board of Education Code of Ethics and the Illinois Mandated Reporter Training. Must also complete additional training as required by other laws and/or the Board President.
		Owe a Fiduciary Duty to act in the best interest of the Board and the public by avoiding conflicts of interest and acting in good faith. <i>Example: Board Members cannot also serve on Local School Councils (LSCs) or CPS Community Action Councils (CACs).</i>	
		Shall not use their position to influence any Board action where the Board Member has any Economic Interest or any other interest distinguishable from the general public.	
		Shall not perform any Political Activity while conducting Board Business or during Board time or use any Board Property or Board resources.	
Post Membership		Shall not use their former positions with the Board to gain an Economic Interest for at least one year.	