

How to Help Kids Succeed in Life

Become a School Board Member

Isn't it about time we fix Delaware's failing system?

As a school board member, you can directly influence K-12 education in your community. Dedicated individuals can make Delaware schools effective centers of learning again.

Requirements to Run

- Must live in the district
- Pass a background check
- Desire to make a difference
- Get people to vote for you

2026 Filing Deadline:

March 6 (Fri.) by 4:30 pm

2026 Election Day:

May 12 (Tuesday) 7am-8pm



- ✓ Support student and teacher success
- ✓ Promote transparency and accountability on behalf of parents
- ✓ Collaborate with the community and parents

ACT NOW TO FIX THIS!



DELAWARE

	Proficient at grade level	National Rank
Reading		
4th Grade	26%	43
8th Grade	23%	49
Math		
4th Grade	35%	45
8th Grade	19%	49

Source: National Assessment of Educational Progress Data Explorer

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FAQs

What can I expect as a school board member?

As a school board member, you can expect to take on a multifaceted role that involves governance, executive oversight, and community engagement. Specific examples are:

- Hire and evaluate the superintendent
- Review and approve multi-million dollar budgets
- Set spending priorities and school policies
- Approve textbooks and other curriculum materials
- Keep the focus on achieving better student outcomes

What kind of time commitment is required?

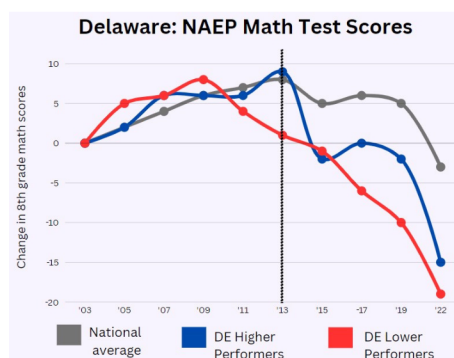
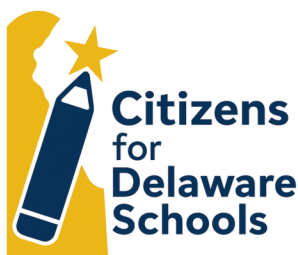
Every district is different, but expect to spend 5-10 hours a month. This includes board meetings and relevant training sessions to stay informed and be effective in your role. You also will want to visit schools and meet with the community to hear their concerns and perspectives. A full term runs 4 years.

How much money will I need to run a campaign?

It depends but typically, campaigns run between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

I've never run for anything. Will I be able to get help with my campaign?

Yes. Many resources are available to guide you during your campaign and when you become a school board member. Citizens for Delaware Schools can put you in touch with these resources.



**Delaware
students need
your voice**