

# 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

Reading	Proficient at grade level	National Rank
4th Grade	<b>26%</b>	43
8th Grade	<b>23%</b>	49

Math	Proficient at grade level	National Rank
4th Grade	<b>35%</b>	45
8th Grade	<b>19%</b>	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?

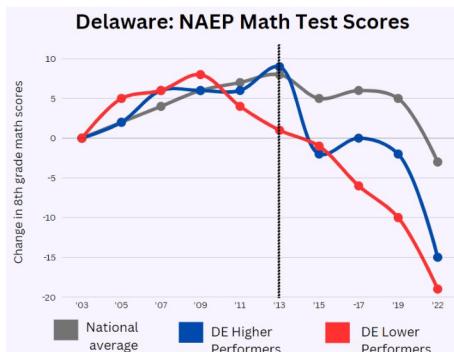
Every district is different, but expect to spend 5-10 hours a month. This includes board meetings and relevant training sessions to stay informed and be effective in your role. You also will want to visit schools and meet with the community to hear their concerns and perspectives. A full term runs 4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