

## Election of Members

GP-2-E2

The Board of Directors of La Center School District is the corporate entity established by the state of Washington to plan and direct all aspects of the district's operations to the end that students shall have ample opportunity to achieve their individual and collective learning needs.

1. Board elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years.
2. A person is legally qualified to become a board member who is a United States citizen, a qualified voter and resident of the school district. Staff of the district are precluded from serving on the board by RCW 42.23.030, which makes it unlawful for a director to receive employment compensation from the district.
3. A person may become a candidate for a place on the Board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county auditor during the June 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 third Tuesday of August in the manner prescribed by law. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the election ballot in November.
4. Newly-elected directors shall take office at the first official meeting of the Board of Directors after the election results have been certified by the county auditor. Prior to beginning term, directors shall take and subscribe to an oath of office.

### Legal References:

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| a. | RCW 28A.315.450 | Directors-Elections-Terms-Numbers   |
| b. | RCW 28A.315.470 | Directors-Declarations of Candidacy - Designation of Positions                |
| c. | RCW 28A.315.480 | Directors-Ballots-Form  |
| d. | RCW 28A.315.490 | Directors-Elected When-Qualifications   |
| e. | RCW 29.01.140   | Residence   |
| f. | RCW 29.13.070   | Primaries, When Held  |
| g. | RCW 29.21.010   | Primary Elections in Other Towns and Districts                                |
| h. | RCW 42.12.010   | Causes of Vacancy   |
| i. | RCW 28A.315.450 | Directors-Elections-Terms-Numbers   |
| j. | RCW 28A.315.470 | Directors-Declaration of Candidacy  |
| k. | RCW 28A.315.480 | Directors-Ballots-Form  |
| l. | RCW 28A.315.500 | Directors-Oath of Office  |
| m. | RCW 29.13.050   | Commencement of terms of Officers-Organization of District Board of Directors |
5. According to statutory provision, each new director shall take an oath to support the constitutions of the United States and the state of Washington and to promote the interests of education and to faithfully discharge the duties of his/her office to the best of his/her ability. A school district officer or notary public authorized to administer

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oaths must certify to this oath and the signature of the member. After properly completed, the oath of office shall be filed with the county auditor.

Legal Reference:

- a. RCW 28A.315.500 Oath of Office

*Adopted: October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

*Monitoring Method: Board Self Assessment*

*Monitoring Frequency: Annually in July*