

**MSBA Core Manual  
Basic Policy Management Services**

**Policy BBBA-1: BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS**

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All board members should have an interest in the welfare and education opportunities of students, a desire to honestly represent the public and the commitment to be a good steward of taxpayer resources. All persons interested in serving on the board of education, whether elected or appointed, will meet all legal requirements for candidates in school board elections, including the following:

1. Be citizens of the United States of America. Mo. Const. art. VII, § 8; § 162.291, RSMo.
2. Be resident taxpayers of the Dent-Phelps R-III School District. A "taxpayer" is an individual who has paid taxes to the state or any subdivision thereof within the immediately preceding 12-month period, or the spouse of such individual. § 162.291, RSMo.
3. Have resided in the district and Missouri for a minimum of one year immediately preceding their election or appointment. Mo. Const. art. VII, § 8; § 162.291, RSMo.
4. Be at least 24 years of age. § 162.291, RSMo.
5. Not be delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes or real property taxes on their place of residence. If an applicant is a past or present corporate officer of any fee office, that office cannot be delinquent in the payment of any taxes owed the state. § 115.306, RSMo.
6. Have not been found guilty of nor pled guilty to a felony under the federal laws of the United States of America or to a felony under Missouri law or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in Missouri. § 115.306, RSMo.
7. Not be registered or required to be registered as a sex offender pursuant to § 162.014, RSMo.
8. Have filed, or the treasurer of an existing candidate committee has filed, all required campaign disclosure reports with the Missouri Ethics Commission, when applicable, for all previous elections in which they were candidates. § 130.071, RSMo.

## **Oath of Office**

Newly elected or appointed members of the board officially qualify as board members when they take the oath of office and sign the oath, as required by law.

Dent-Phelps R-III School District, Salem, Missouri

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Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
§115.306, RSMo.	<a href="#">State Statute</a>
§130.071, RSMo.	<a href="#">State Statute</a>
§160.011,, RSMo.	<a href="#">State Statute</a>
§162.014, RSMo.	<a href="#">State Statute</a>
§162.203, RSMo.	<a href="#">State Statute</a>
§162.291, RSMo.	<a href="#">State Statute</a>
§162.301, RSMo	<a href="#">State Statute</a>
§561.021, RSMo.	<a href="#">State Statute</a>
Mo. Const. art.VII § 11	<a href="#">State Constitution</a>
Mo. Const. art.VII § 8	<a href="#">State Constitution</a>

**Cross References**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
AA	<a href="#">SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS</a>