



Timeline for 2026 General Election

First Tuesday After First Monday in November		
November 3, 2026		
		No Later Than:
Last day for school board to publish notice of filing period.	14 days before filing opens	July 14, 2026
Last day for school district to post notice of filing period.	10 days before filing opens	July 18, 2026
Candidate filing period for General Election.	Not less 98 to 84 days before the election	July 28, 2026 – August 11, 2026
Last day for candidates to withdraw. Send candidate information to County Auditor(s).	5 p.m. 2 days after filing closes	August 13, 2026
Last day to adopt resolution calling General Election.	74 days prior to election	August 21, 2026
Last day to notify county auditors with written notice of General Election.	74 days prior to election	August 21, 2026
First day absentee ballots must be available for General Election.	46 days prior to election	September 18, 2026
Last day to preregister for General Election.	5 p.m. 21 days prior to election	October 13, 2026
Last day to publish first notice of General Election.	At least 14 days prior to election	October 20, 2026
Last day to post notice of General Election.	10 days prior to election	October 24, 2026
Campaign finance reports due if spent or received more than \$750, an initial report was filed, and the name is on the ballot.	10 days prior to election	October 24, 2026
Last day to publish second notice of November General Election.	At least 7 days prior to election	October 27, 2026
Last day to post sample ballot of November General Election.	At least 4 days prior to election	October 30, 2026
General Election Day. No public meetings or school events may be held between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.		November 3, 2026
Time period to canvass results of the General Election. Note that districts should NOT canvass on Veterans Day, Nov. 10.	3 to 10 days after election	November 6, 2026 – November 13, 2026
Last day for candidates to file Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing form.	7 days after election	November 10, 2026
Time period for candidates to request a recount.	Up to 7 days after canvass period ends	November 14, 2026 – November 20, 2026
Time period to issue certificate of election. (If candidate has filed the Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing form, AND no recounts are requested.	Up to 7 days after recount period ends	November 21, 2026 – November 27, 2026
Time period for newly elected school district officers to file acceptance of office and oath forms.	Within 30 days of Receiving Certificate of Election	November 28, 2026 – December 27, 2026
Campaign finance reports due.	30 days after election	December 3, 2026
Terms begin for members elected at 2026 November Election.	First Monday in January After Election	January 4, 2027