



2014
COCHISE COUNTY
SCHOOL BOARD
CANDIDATE PAMPHLET

This pamphlet has been prepared by the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office to provide general information to persons seeking election to a school board position within Cochise County.

General Election Calendar 2014

July 7, 2014	First Date for Non-partisan Candidates To File Nomination Petitions & Papers A.R.S. 16-311(B)
August 6, 2014	Last Date For Non-partisan Candidates To File Nomination Petitions & Papers A.R.S. 16-311(B)
August 20, 2014	Last Date For Write-In Candidates To File For Elections That May Be Cancelled
August 21, 2014	Earliest Date For The County Board of Supervisors To Cancel Elections A.R.S. 15-424(D)
September 18, 2014	Last Date To Submit Candidate Posting For County School's Website
September 25, 2014	Last Date For Candidate Postings To Be Posted To County School's Website
September 25, 2014	Last Date For Write-In Candidates To File A.R.S. 16-312
October 6, 2014	Last Date To Register To Vote In General Election A.R.S. 16-120
October 9, 2014	Early Voting For General Election Begins A.R.S. 16-545
October 24, 2014	First Date to File Pre-General Election Campaign Finance Reports A.R.S. 16-913(B)(2)
October 24, 2014	Last Date To Request A Ballot By Mail A.R.S. 16-542
October 31, 2014	Last Date to File Pre-General Election Campaign Finance Reports A.R.S. 16-913(B)(2)
October 31, 2014	Last Date To Vote At On-Site Location (Recorder's Office) A.R.S. 16-542
November 4, 2014	General Election A.R.S. 16-211
November 25, 2014	First Date To File Post-General Election Campaign Finance Reports A.R.S. 16-913(B)(3)
December 4, 2014	Last Date To File Post-General Election Campaign Finance Reports A.R.S. 16-913(B)(3)

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Cochise County School Board Positions Open for Election 2014

District	Term	Service Term	*Estimated # of Signatures
Apache Elementary School District #42			
William Miller	2 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2016	1
William Kimble Jr.	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	1
Nicolette Nevins	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	1
Ash Creek Elementary School #53			
Darlene DeArman	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	3
Judith Leiker	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	3
John Lind	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	3
Benson Unified School District #09			
Kelly Johnson	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	26
Frank "Chic" Maldonado	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	26
Bisbee Unified School District #02			
Audrey "Luche" Giacomino	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	25
Teresa Reyna	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	25
Bowie Unified School District #14			
Michael Myers	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	2
Jared Allred	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	2
Cochise Elementary School District #26			
Kristine Carper	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	1
Frank Flanders	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	1
Cochise Technology District #01-08			
Rosa Aguallo-(Elf-VUHS)	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	4
Frank Molina-(Douglas)	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	89
James Milligan (Tombstone)	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	27
Clint Sanborn-(Willcox)	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	21
Dr. David Woodall-(Benson)	2 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2016	51
Mark Goodman-(St. David)	2 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2016	24
Curry Donaldson-(San Simon)	2 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2016	5
Roger Studley-(Bowie)	2 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2016	3
Jacqui Clay-(Sierra Vista)	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	175
Penelope Lavario-(Bisbee)	2 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2016	25
Double Adobe Elementary School #45			
Joan Cardona	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	2

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Douglas Unified School District #27				
Eddie Gomez	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	45
Patricia Lopez	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	45
Elfrida Elementary District #12				
James Fletcher	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	4
Jamie Mahaney	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	4
Janice Owen	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	4
McNeal Elementary School District #55				
Mike Vasquez	2 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2016	2
Laura Randolph	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	2
Patsy Rineer	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	2
Naco Elementary School District #23				
Rosa Ramirez	2 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2016	4
Susana Urcadez	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	4
Dawn Walker	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	4
Palominas Elementary School District #49				
Carolyn Calderon	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	38
Bo Hall	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	38
Vicky Pickett	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	38
Pearce Elementary School District #22-3				
Edward Curry	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	8
Jaymee Hernandez	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	8
Patti Burris	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	8
Pomerene Elementary School District #64				
Michael Brogan	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	4
Bonnie Wilson	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	4
San Simon Unified School District #18				
Monica Bidegain	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	3
Jerry J.D. Cranford	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	3
Sierra Vista Unified School District #68				
Debra Scott	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	175
Hal Thomas	4 year	1/1/2015	12/31/2018	175

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St. David Unified School District #21			
Nelson Daly	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	12
Katie Miller	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	12
Tombstone Unified School District #01			
George Nerhan	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	27
Lillian Hritz	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	27
Valley Union High School District #22-5			
Sharon Clifton	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	14
Mary Jones	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	14
Sue Shepard	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	14
Robert Porter	2 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2016	14
Willcox Unified School District #13			
Gary Clement	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	21
Larry Schultz	4 year	1/1/2015 12/31/2018	21

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TO RUN FOR A SEAT ON YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

An individual seeking election to the governing body of a school district must be a registered voter of this state and have been a resident of the school district for one year immediately preceding the day of election. No employee of a school district or the spouse of such employee may hold membership on a governing board of a school district in which they are employed. Persons related as immediate family who have the same household of residence within four years prior shall not serve simultaneously on the governing board of the same school district if the governing board is composed of five members.

- 1) Pick up an information packet, nomination paperwork, and Candidate ID number** from your Cochise County School Superintendent's Office, 3rd floor, Old Bisbee High School, 100 Clawson Ave., Bisbee.
- 2) Campaign Finance Statements: Submit as required.**
 - a) Statement of Organization – if spending more than \$500 on your campaign.
 - b) \$500 Threshold Exemption – if spending between \$250 and \$499 on your campaign.
 - c) De Minimus status - not required to file any paperwork if spending less than \$250.
- 3) Only after appropriate campaign financial documentation is filed** (or running De Minimus status) **start collecting signatures using Non-partisan Nomination Petition.**
- 4) File nomination paperwork between July 7, 2014 and August 6, 2014.**
Nonpartisan Nomination Paper (includes nomination, affidavit of qualification, and campaign finance laws statement) and **Nomination Petitions** (with signatures).
- 5) Candidates may submit a 500 Word statement and a 2x3 photograph** for publication on the Cochise County School Superintendent's website anytime from **July 7, 2014 through September 18, 2014.**

NOTE: All paperwork is filed with the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office.

The Non-Partisan Nomination Petition

The form is used for obtaining the required number of signatures of qualified electors in order for the candidate to have his/her name placed on the official ballot (A.R.S.16-314B). The form size is 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Petitions should be headed by a caption stating the purpose of the petition, followed by the body of the petition stating the intent of the petitioners. The purpose of the petition must also include the length of term for the candidate (2-year or 4-year). Format is ten lines spaced three-eighths of an inch apart and consecutively numbered one through ten. A photograph of the candidate may appear on the nomination petition. All petitions will be signed by a circulator who is qualified to register to vote in this state. The circulator's name is to be typed or printed under such person's signature. The circulator's actual residence address or, if no street address, a description of residence location shall be included on the petition. A voter may sign the number of candidate petitions equal to the number to be elected within that office. For example, in a school board election, if there are three seats up for election, a voter may sign up to three candidate petitions.

The Office of the County School Superintendent does not verify signatures on petitions; however they are subject to challenge. Nomination papers, Affidavit of Qualifications, petitions, and financial disclosure statements become public record once filed and are subject to inspection by the general public.

Nomination Paper, Affidavit Of Qualification, Campaign Laws Statement

The first of this three-section form is the Nomination Paper. Candidates must state office, date of general election and meet residency requirements. The second section of the form is the Affidavit of Qualification. The length of term must be stated and residence must be listed, as well as mailing address if different, and the exact manner in which the candidate desires to have his or her name appear on the official ballot. *These two sections must be signed by the candidate and notarized.* The third section, the Campaign Law Statement, requires the candidate's signature only.

Note: Names printed on the official ballot are limited to last name, first name, and middle names. Abbreviations, initials, and nicknames are permissible, but in no event shall nicknames, abbreviations, or initials suggest reference to professional, fraternal, religious, or military titles. Abbreviated names or nicknames MAY be printed with quotation marks. The candidate's last name will always appear first on the official ballot.

Write-In Candidates

Any person desiring to become a write-in candidate for a school board shall file a nomination paper signed by the candidate and notarized, giving his/her place of residence and post office address, age, length of residence in the state, date of birth (A.R.S.16-321A), the office for which candidate wishes to be a write-in, including division, type of election, date election is to be held and the name as you wish it to appear on the write-in ballots (A.R.S.16-311A). The nomination paper must be filed with the County School Superintendent's Office, 3rd floor, Old Bisbee High School Building, 100 Clawson Avenue, Bisbee by September 25, 2014.

Campaign Contributions And Expenditures

Itemized and detailed statements of campaign contributions and expenditures must be filed by each candidate's campaign committee. Candidates receiving and or expending less than \$250 are not required to register. More than \$250 but less than \$500 should file a Threshold Exemption Statement ([A.R.S. 16-903](#)). When a candidate's campaign committee or political committee has filed a \$500 exemption statement, receives contributions, or makes expenditures of more than \$500, the committee shall file a Statement of Organization within 5 days after exceeding the \$500.00 limit ([A.R.S.16-902.01 & 16-903](#)). Candidates who intend to receive contributions, or make expenditures of more than \$500 in connection with a campaign shall designate a political campaign committee by filing a Statement of Organization.

Posting Of Campaign Signs

Any candidate/political committee posting temporary political signs within city limits must first check with each city on any ordinance or regulations for posting political signs. Signs posted within the county shall not be placed in a manner that either obstructs or otherwise physically interferes with an official traffic sign, signal, or device ([A.R.S.28-7093.A.8a](#)). Signs shall not physically interfere with the vision of drivers in approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic. School districts, personnel, equipment, materials, building, or other resources shall not be used for the purpose of influencing the outcome of elections. Signs shall not be placed on trees, painted, or drawn on rocks or other natural features. For the posting of signs on private property, it is up to each candidate/political committee to contact the owners for permission. The Cochise County School Superintendent's Office is not responsible in any way for a candidate's political signs.

Candidate Statement For County Website

Per [A.R.S. §15-421](#), the County School Superintendent will publish the statement of each certified candidate on our website. The candidate statement consists of a recent photograph of the candidate and a statement not to exceed five hundred words. The County School Superintendent's office cannot modify or edit photographs or use copyrighted photographs without the permission of the copyright holder (e.g., Olan Mills). The candidate statement must be typewritten or electronically submitted. The statement will be posted verbatim as it is received. The County School Superintendent's office must have the statement at least twenty-one (21) days before early voting begins (September 11, 2014). The statement will be posted on the County School Superintendent's website no later than fourteen days before early voting begins (September 18, 2014). If a candidate does not submit a statement, the website will state "No response submitted" for the candidate. The candidate statements will be posted on the website alphabetically by district and by candidate's last name.

If you have any questions regarding this pamphlet or any of the forms, please do not hesitate to contact the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office at (520) 432-8950