



SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

CANDIDACY FOR SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS

There was a change in school board elections. Now, all positions are partisan. You must run as either a Republican, Democrat or an Independent candidate.

Check with the political party of your choice to confirm you are a bona fide member.

Democratic Party – 901-466-6730, shelbycountydem@gmail.com

Republican Party – 901-677-8088, HQ@shelbygop.org

MEMPHIS SHELBY COUNTY AND ARLINGTON SCHOOL BOARDS

All candidates, Democratic, Republican or Independent can begin pulling petitions on Monday, December 22, 2025.

Candidates must turn in their completed petitions no later than Noon on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

The primary election Tuesday, May 5, 2026 will include only the names of candidates who choose to run as a Republican or Democrat. Independent candidates will be on the General Election ballot with the winner of the Republican and Democratic primaries in the Thursday, August 6, 2026 election.

BARTLETT, COLLIERVILLE, GERMANTOWN, LAKELAND, AND MILLINGTON SCHOOL BOARDS

All candidates, Democratic, Republican or Independent can begin pulling petitions on Friday, January 9, 2026.

Candidates must turn in their completed petitions no later than Noon on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

The primary election Thursday, August 6, 2026 will include only the names of candidates who choose to run as a Republican or Democrat. Independent candidates will be on the General Election ballot with the winner of the Republican and Democratic primaries in the Tuesday, November 3, 2026 election.