

**2021 ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**  
**May 18, 2021**  
**CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION**  
**A.C.A. §6-14-111**

Any person desiring to be a candidate for a position on a school district's Board of Directors must:

- Be a qualified voter
- Be a resident of the district and respective electoral zone, if elected from zones
- File a petition containing at least **20 signatures** of qualified registered voters of the district and zone, if elected from zones; or file a Notice of Write-In Candidacy with the County Clerk
- Complete and file an Affidavit of Eligibility.
- Complete and file a Political Practices Pledge.

**FILING BY PETITION:**

- **December 1, 2020** is the first day for candidates filing by petition to circulate petitions for Annual School Election when election is being held May 18, 2021. Clerk shall not count as valid any signature dated more than ninety (90) days before the filing deadline (March 1, 2021). A Candidate must **FILE** the Political Practices Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, and the Petition during the one-week period beginning February 22, 2021 @12:00 p.m. and ending March 1, 2021 @12:00 p.m.
- Petition forms are available at any of the County Clerk's office locations and on the Benton County Clerk's website at [vote.bentoncountyar.gov](http://vote.bentoncountyar.gov)

The petition for nomination shall indicate:

- The name and title of the candidate as proposed to appear on the ballot
- The residential address of the candidate
- The school district name, position or zone, in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The date of the school board election in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The name, residential address, and date of birth of the qualified electors signing the petition and the date signed
- (By signature) that the signer is a qualified elector and the information provided is correct
- **The County Clerk's office must verify the accuracy of the petition.**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:**

- Must file the Political Practices Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, and the Notice of Write-In Candidacy with the County Clerk of the county in which the school district is domiciled for administrative purposes during a one-week period.
- **(Filing Time: 12:00 p.m. February 22, 2021 through 12:00 p.m. March 1, 2021)**

**WHERE TO FILE:**

- Candidates can file a petition at any of the County Clerk's office locations.

**Bentonville:** 215 E Central Ave., Suite 217 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Rogers:** 2111 W. Walnut St. (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Siloam Springs:** 707 S Lincoln St, Suite C (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**CANDIDATES AT THE TIME OF FILING WILL:**

- Receive a condensed version of the School Election calendar
- Receive a Notice of Ballot Draw - A.C.A. §6-14-111(j)
- Receive a Notice of Deadlines to file reporting forms:
  - Receive two Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Forms - Pre-Election Report (**if required**); and Final Report (**required**)
  - Receive a Statement of Financial Interest – due on March 8, 2021, the first Monday following the close of the filing period, if one was not previously filed as the incumbent by January 31, 2021

**DRAWING FOR BALLOT ORDER** A.C.A. §6-14-111(j):

- Deadline for public meeting of County Board of Election Commissioners to determine by lot the order in which names will appear on the ballot seventy-two days before the election:
  - **BALLOT DRAW: March 3, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Deadline to register to vote** for the Annual School Election is **April 19, 2021**

**Early voting** is Tuesday May 11th through Monday May 17th 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE LISTED BELOW:**

<b>School District</b>	<b>Position No. / Zone No.</b>	<b>Years of of Term</b>	<b>Currently Held by:</b>
<b>DECATUR #17</b>	<b>ZONE 1</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b>	<b>KAREN G. DAVIS</b>
	<b>ZONE 2</b>	<b>UNEXPIRED</b>	<b>AMY BROOKS</b>
	<b>ZONE 3</b>	<b>UNEXPIRED</b>	<b>KEVIN W. SMITH</b>
	<b>ZONE 5</b>	<b>UNEXPIRED</b>	<b>IKIE L. OWENS</b>
<b>GENTRY #19</b>	<b>ZONE 2</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b>	<b>JON HOLT</b>
<b>GRAVETTE #20</b>	<b>POSITION 5 (At Large)</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b>	<b>HOPE DUKE</b>
	<b>POSITION 6 (At Large)</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b>	<b>HEATHER FINLEY</b>
<b>PEA RIDGE #109</b>	<b>POSITION 1 (At Large)</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b>	<b>JENNIFER WOOD</b>
<b>ROGERS #30</b>	<b>ZONE 3</b>	<b>UNEXPIRED</b>	<b>SUZANNE SPIVEY</b>
	<b>POSITION 6 (At Large)</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b>	<b>MITCH LOCKHART</b>
	<b>POSITION 7</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b>	<b>NATHAN GAIRHAN</b>
<b>SILOAM SPRINGS # 21</b>	<b>ZONE 2</b>	<b>5 YEARS</b>	<b>CONNIE MATCHELL</b>

## School Board Candidate Petition

**To: County Clerk of Benton County**

**We, the undersigned qualified electors, propose the name of \_\_\_\_\_,**  
(Name As To Appear On Ballot)

**whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, Arkansas, to be placed on the ballot as a Candidate for the Board of Directors of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District, Position \_\_\_\_\_ or Zone \_\_\_\_\_ for the State of Arkansas, in the School Board Election to be held on   MAY 18, 2021  . Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Arkansas and a resident of the school district and/or electoral zone to be represented, and my printed name, date of birth, residence address, city/town of residence and date of signing are correctly written after my signature.**

	Signature	Printed Name	Date of Birth	Residential Address	City/town of Residence	Date of Signing
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