

**A. QUALIFICATIONS**

Any person possessing the qualifications for election to public office as provided in Article VI, Section 6 of the Constitution of North Carolina and who is a qualified voter and resident of the system from which he or she seeks to be elected is eligible to serve as a member of the board of education.

Any person elected or appointed to the board and also employed by the board must resign his or her employment before taking office as a member of the board.

**B. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

The board of education will consist of 7 members. All terms will be for four years with the terms staggered so that as nearly equal to one-half as possible will expire every two years. All elections are nonpartisan and are to be held at the time of the November general election in even-numbered years.

**C. OATH OF OFFICE**

Before taking office, newly elected board members will take and sign the following oath or affirmation on or before **the first Monday in December** following their election:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina.

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Buncombe County Board of Education, adhering to the Code of Ethics as required by statute to the best of my ability."**

If a board member enters on the duties of his or her office before taking, subscribing and filing the oath of office, he or she will be ejected from office.

Legal References: N.C. Const. art. VI, §§ 6 and 7; G.S. 14-229; 115C-35, -37, **G.S. 160A-86 and G.S. 115C-47(57)**

Cross References:

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