

2024 Annual School Board Election Timeline

February

February 20

Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for April Annual School Elections by Municipal and/or County Clerks

(prior to the 55th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-6

February 26 – 4 p.m.

Nomination Petition Filing Deadline for April Annual School Elections

(before 4:00 p.m. of the 50th day preceding the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

February 28 – March 25

Publication of Notice of April Annual School Elections by County Boards of Election

(once during the 30 days next preceding the voter registration deadline)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

February 29

Deadline for Filing in Superior Court to Protect School Board Candidate's Rights

(before the 46th day prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March

March 1 – 4 p.m.

Filing Deadline for Objections to Nominating Petitions for April Annual School Election Candidates

(46th day prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:13-10

March 4

Deadline for Withdrawal of School Board Candidates

(before 44th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 4

Deadline for Determination of Petition Challenges By School Boards of Education

(44th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 4

Deadline for Amendments to Defective Petitions for School Board Candidates

(44th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 6

Drawing of Ballot Positions for School Board Candidates by School Board Secretary

(7 working days following the last day for filing petitions for election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-8

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March 8

Deadline for Certification of Ballot Draw to the County Clerk by School Board Secretary
(within 2 days following the drawing of ballot position)
N.J.S.A. 19:60-8

March 26

Voter Registration Deadline for Annual School Elections
(21 days before election)
N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

March 29

10:00 a.m. Deadline to Submit Public Question Statements for Annual School Board Elections to the County Clerk by the School Board Secretary
(18th day preceding election)
N.J.S.A. 19:60-4

March 30

Deadline to Submit Official School Ballot to Printer by the County Clerk
(17th day preceding the annual school election)
N.J.S.A. 19:60-9

April

April 2

Deadline for Filing of Challenger Appointments for Annual School Board Elections
(second Tuesday preceding election)
N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

April 7 - April 13

Publication of Notice of Annual School Elections by County Boards of Election
(once during the calendar week prior to election)
N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

April 9

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Annual School Board Elections by County Boards of Election
(7 days before election)
N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

April 9

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Annual School Board Elections
(not less than 7 days prior to election)
N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

April 10

Mailing of Sample Ballots for Annual School Board Elections
(on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding election)
(Consistent with requirements prior to the implementation of early voting which does not apply to school elections)

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April 11

Last Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for Annual School Board Elections

(A county board of elections may begin opening the inner envelopes for each mail-in ballot and canvassing each mail-in ballot from the inner envelope no earlier than five days prior to the day of the election-March 12)

(notice to be given 48 hours prior to the start of testing)

N.J.S.A. 19:53A-8; 19:63-22 (b)

April 12

Deadline for Application to Receive Annual School Board Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

(4th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:59-4

April 15

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Annual School Board Elections by County Boards of Election

(1 day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

April 15 – by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for Annual School Board Elections

(up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

April 16

Annual School Board Elections

N.J.S.A. 19:60-1

(3rd Tuesday in April)

(N.J.S.A. 19:60-2 provides the Commissioner of Education the authority to change a special school election date when it coincides with a period of religious observance.)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-2

April 16

Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the Annual School Board Election

April 16

Deadline for in Person Submission of Annual School Board Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election or to Authorized Ballot Drop Boxes

(by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-16; NJSA 19:63-16.1e

April 16 - April 29

Impoundment Period for Voting Machines Used in the Annual School Board Elections that are exempted by paragraph (2) of subsection b. of R.S. 19:48-1

(13 days following the closure and locking of the voting machines to comply with P.L. 2023, c. 124)

N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

April 18

Deadline for Receipt by County Boards of Elections of Mail-In Ballots by delivery of the United States Postal Service that DO NOT Bear a Postmark of Delivery

(no later than 48 hours (2 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-22

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April 22

Deadline for Receipt of Timely Mailed Postmarked Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election
(no later than 144 hours (6 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)
N.J.S.A. 19:63-22

April 27

Deadline for Receipt of Cure Form to County Boards of Election
(no later than 48 hours (2 days) prior to the final certification of the results of the election)
N.J.S.A. 19:63-17

April 29

Deadline for Applications for Recheck of Voting Machines Used in the Annual School Board Elections that are exempted by paragraph (2) of subsection b. of R.S. 19:48-1
(within 13 days after election)
N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

May

May 1 – 12 p.m.

Meeting of County Board of Canvassers for Annual School Board Elections
(15 days after the election)
N.J.S.A. 19:19-1, N.J.S.A. 19:19-4, N.J.S.A. 19:19-6

May 1

Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the Annual School Board Election
(within 15 days after election or 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)
N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21; N.J.S.A. 19:53C-21

May 4

Deadline for Recount Applications for Annual School Board Elections
(within 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)
N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

May 18

Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for Annual School Elections
(not later than 32 days after election)
N.J.S.A. 19:29-3