



2017 School Director Election Timeline

Timeline with critical dates for school election officials for the November 7, 2017 election

The following timeline does not contain all the steps in the election process because the county clerk and recorder will conduct most of the election procedures. This timeline will be updated, if necessary, to reflect changes implemented during the 2017 legislative session and/or by the Secretary of State’s office.

All citations are to the Colorado Constitution, Colorado Revised Statutes, or Colorado Code of Regulations

DATE	ACTION/EVENT
<p>Within 10 days of declaring candidacy</p>	<p><u>Rolling deadline for candidate affidavit</u> Within 10 days of becoming a candidate, the candidate shall certify by affidavit to the Secretary of State that the candidate is familiar with the provisions of the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA). <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-45-109(1)(c); 1-45-110(1). A person is a candidate for election “if the person has publicly announced an intention to seek election to public office ... and thereafter has received a contribution or made an expenditure in support of the candidacy.” Colo. Const. art. XXVIII, § 2(2); Colo. Rev. Stat. §1-45-103(2).</i></p>
<p>July 20, 2017 (110 days before election)</p>	<p>Resolution to Change Plan of Representation Last day for board to adopt a resolution to submit a proposal to change the school district plan of representation. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-31-105.</i></p>
<p>July 28, 2017* (100 days before election)</p>	<p>Notification to county clerk Notify the county clerk in writing by this date that the school district will participate in the coordinated election. The board must take formal action prior to this date to participate in the coordinated election and to designate an election official. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-1-104(8); 1-1-106(5); 1-7-116(5).</i></p>
<p>August 9, 2017 (no more than 90 days before election)</p>	<p>Call for nominations First day for designated election official to publish a call for nominations for school director election. The call shall state which director offices will be voted upon at the election, where to obtain nomination petitions, the number of signatures required and the deadline for submitting the nominating petition. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-31-107(1.5).</i></p> <p>Nomination petitions First day for nomination petitions to be circulated. No petition shall be circulated prior to this date. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-4-803(1)(b); 22-31-107(2).</i></p>

<p>August 24, 2017 (75 days before election)</p>	<p>Call for nominations Last day for designated election official to publish a call for nominations. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-31-107(1.5).</i></p>
<p>August 29, 2017 (70 days before election)</p>	<p>Intergovernmental agreement Last day for school district to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the county clerk to conduct the election in each county in which the school district is located. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§1-7-116(2); 22-31-103(2).</i></p> <p>SCORE address library Last day for the designated election official to certify the completeness and accuracy of the SCORE address library for addresses within the school district. <i>8 CCR 1505-1, Rule 4.1.3</i> Repealed by the Colorado Secretary of State, August 6, 2015.</p>
<p>September 1, 2017 (67 days before election)</p>	<p>Nomination petition Last day for school director candidates to file a nomination petition with circulators' notarized affidavits, a notarized acceptance of nomination and written notice of intent to be a candidate. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-4-803(2); 22-31-107(2); see also, §§ 1-4-905; 1-4-906.</i></p> <p>Candidate audio recording Last day for a candidate to submit to the county clerk an audio recording of the pronunciation of his or her name exactly as it is provided in the candidate's statement of intent. <i>8 CCR 1505-1, Rule 4.6.2.</i></p>
<p>September 1, 2017* (64 days before election)</p>	<p>Write-in candidates Last day for school director write-in candidate to file affidavit of intent to be a candidate. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-1-106(4); 1-4-1102(2).</i></p>
<p>September 5, 2017 (63rd day before election)</p>	<p>Cancellation of the election Election may be canceled if, at the close of business, there is no contest for any office, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be a write-in. If instructed by resolution of the board of education, the designated election official may cancel the election and declare candidates to be elected. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-5-208(1.5).</i></p>
<p>September 8, 2017 (Any time prior to certifying ballot content)</p>	<p>Ballot order Last day to establish arrangement of candidates' names on the ballot by lot. The designated election official shall notify the candidates of the time and place of the lot drawing. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-5-406.</i></p>

<p>September 8, 2017 (60 days before election)</p>	<p>Certify ballot content Last day for designated election official to certify the content of the ballot to the county clerk. The ballot content shall include the name and office of each candidate and any ballot issue(s) to be voted on. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-5-203(3)(a); 8 CCR 1505-1 Rule 4.5.2.</i></p> <p>Online Posting of Candidate Information **NEW REQUIREMENT** Deadline for school districts in which at least 1,000 pupils are enrolled to post, in a “prominent area” on the district’s website, each candidate’s contact information, including: (1) candidate’s name; (2) residential address; (3) mailing address, if different from residential address; (4) e-mail address, if any; (5) website address, if any; and (6) an image of the candidate’s written notice of intention to be a school board candidate. The information must be organized in alphabetical order by candidate surname. The district may provide hyperlinks to the Secretary of State’s website, if any of the above information is posted there. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-31-107(2.5).</i></p>
<p>October 17, 2017 (21 days before election)</p>	<p>Fair Campaign Practices Act filing Deadline for candidate to file contribution and expenditure report with the Secretary of State. The report must cover from the beginning of the candidate’s initial filing through October 12th. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-45-108(2)(a)(II); 1-45-108(2)(e); 1-45-109(1)(c).</i></p>
<p>October 18, 2017 (20 days before election)</p>	<p>Election notice Last day for designated election official or coordinated election official to publish notice of election in newspaper and mail a copy of notice to county clerks of counties where school district is located. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-5-205(1), (2).</i> Publication of an election notice by the county clerk satisfies this requirement. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-5-205(1.4).</i> Sample ballots may be used if they contain all the information. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-5-205(1.3).</i></p>
<p>October 23, 2017 (15 days before election)</p>	<p>Board of canvassers Last day to appoint the board of canvassers, in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-10-201(1).</i></p>
<p>November 3, 2017 (Friday before election)</p>	<p>Fair Campaign Practices Act filing Deadline for candidate to file contribution and expenditure report with the Secretary of State. The report must cover from October 13th through October 29th. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-45-108(2)(a)(II); 1-45-108(2)(e); 1-45-109(1)(c).</i></p>

<p>November 7, 2017</p>	<p>ELECTION DAY Polls open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 7 p.m. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-101.</i> If any eligible elector, or member of the eligible elector’s immediate family, is confined in a hospital or place of residence or is unable to vote in person due to emergency conditions arising after the deadlines by which ballots are mailed, then the elector may apply for a replacement ballot before 5 p.m. on Election Day; the replacement ballot must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7.5-115.</i></p>
<p>November 21, 2017 (14 days after election)</p>	<p>Counting of provisional ballots Last day for the county clerk to verify and count provisional ballots. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-8.5-105(5).</i></p>
<p>November 24, 2017 (17 days after election)</p>	<p>Survey of returns Last day for canvassers to certify to the designated election official the official abstract of votes for the school district. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-10-203(1).</i></p>
<p>Immediately following the preparation and certification of the final abstract of votes</p>	<p>Certificate of election Immediately after the final abstract has been prepared and certified, the designated election official shall notify the candidates of their election to office and deliver the certificate of election. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-11-103(1).</i></p>
<p>December 4, 2017 (no later than 10 days after receiving certificate of election, if abstract received on Nov. 24)</p>	<p>Oath of office Candidate must take the oath of office no later than 10 days after receiving the certificate of election or the seat shall be deemed vacant. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-31-125.</i></p>
<p>December 7, 2017 (30 days after election)</p>	<p>Fair Campaign Practices Act filing Candidate must file a post-election contribution and expenditure report with the Secretary of State. This report will cover from October 30 through December 2. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-45-108(2)(a)(II); 1-45-108(2)(e); 1-45-109(1)(c).</i></p>
<p>December 8, 2017* (within 15 days after district receives the official abstract of votes if abstract received on Nov. 24)</p>	<p>Organizational meeting Within 15 days after receiving the official abstract of votes, school board will hold officer election and reorganization meeting. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-1-106(5); 22-32-104(1).</i></p>
<p>Promptly following the organizational meeting</p>	<p>Send information to CDE Send the names, address and length of term of office of each school director and the date of election or appointment of each board officer to the Colorado Department of Education. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-32-109(1)(d).</i></p>

*Date affected by a holiday or weekend.

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