

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

The following is a convenient and concise list of critical dates and events. For more in-depth information or dates please view the 2026 WASB School District Election Schedule booklet.

NOVEMBER 2025

DATE	EVENT
Nov. 25	Deadline for Newspaper Publication of Type A Notice of Election
On or About Nov. 25	Prepare Packet of Information for Potential Candidates

DECEMBER 2025

DATE	EVENT
Dec. 1	- Earliest Date for Circulation of Nomination Papers, If Required (NOTE: Nomination Papers Are Not Required in Many School Districts)
Dec. 1 - Jan. 6	Most Candidates Will File Campaign Registration Statements, Declarations of Candidacy, and Nomination Papers (If Required) During this Period
Dec. 26	- Deadline for Incumbents to File Notice of Noncandidacy (5:00 p.m.) - Deadline for Clerk to Give Public Notice of Incumbent Noncandidacy (If Any)
On or About Dec. 31	Clerk Notifies Non-Exempt Committees of Deadline for Filing Campaign Finance January Continuing Report (for Period Ending December 31)

JANUARY 2026

DATE	EVENT
Jan. 6	- Candidate Deadline for Filing All Ballot Access Documents (5:00 p.m.) - Clerk Makes Initial Determination of Candidates' Eligibility for Ballot (The Sufficiency of Filings Should be Evaluated on a Rolling Basis) - Only If Applicable, Clerk Gives Public Notice of 72-Hour Filing Extension
Jan. 13	- Drawing of Lots for Ballot Order; Certify Ballot Eligibility to County Clerk(s) - When a Primary is Required, Notice to Municipal Clerks of Primary Election
Jan. 15	Deadline for Non-Exempt Committees to File January Continuing Report
Jan. 16	Clerk Performs Duties with Respect to Campaign Finance Reports that Have Been Filed or that Are Delinquent
On or Before Jan. 26	If a Primary Election Is Being Held, Provide Municipal Clerk with Ballots (Only If Separate Paper Ballots Are Utilized)

FEBRUARY 2026

DATE	EVENT
On or about Feb. 2	If a Primary Election Is Being Held, Clerk Notifies Non-Exempt Committees of Deadline for Filing Preprimary Campaign Finance Report
Feb. 3-9	Deadline for Non-Exempt Committees to File Preprimary Report (If Applicable)
Feb. 10	Clerk Performs Duties with Respect to Campaign Finance Reports that Have Been Filed or that Are Delinquent
Feb. 13	Write-in Candidate Registration Deadline for Primary Election (12:00 p.m.)
On or Before Feb. 16	If Primary Election Is Being Held, Choose Board of Canvassers
Feb. 16	If Primary Election Is Being Held, Publication of Notice of Primary Election (May Occur Earlier If the Newspaper Does Not Publish on Mondays)
Feb. 17	Spring Primary Election
On or About Feb. 17	If Primary Election Held, Issue Open Meetings Law Notice of Board of Canvassers Meeting(s)

Feb. 18	• If Primary Election Held, Receipt of Election Materials and Related Duties
On or About Feb. 18-24	• If Primary Election Held, Canvass of Primary Returns and Written • Determination of Primary Results
On or About Feb. 18-27	• If Primary Election Held, Recount Request May Be Filed by a Qualifying Aggrieved Party (If any)
On or About Feb. 19-27	• If Primary Election Held, Drawing of Lots for Ballot Order • If Primary Election Held, Certify Nominations and Ballot Order to County Clerk(s)

MARCH 2026

DATE	EVENT
On or Before Mar. 16	• Provide Municipal Clerk with Ballots (Only If Separate Paper Ballots Are Utilized)
On or About Mar. 23	• Clerk Notifies Non-Exempt Committees of Deadline for Filing Preelection Campaign Finance Report
Mar. 24-30	• Deadline for Non-Exempt Committees to File Preelection Report
Mar. 31	• Clerk Performs Duties with Respect to Campaign Finance Reports that Have Been Filed or that Are Delinquent

APRIL 2026

DATE	EVENT
Apr. 3	• Write-in Candidate Registration Deadline for Spring Election (12:00 p.m.)
On or Before Apr. 6	• Choose Board of Canvassers (Consider Appointing Canvassers Multiple Weeks in Advance)
Apr. 6	• Newspaper Publication of the Notice of Spring Election (May Occur Earlier if the Newspaper Does Not Publish on Mondays)
Apr. 7	• Spring Election
On or About Apr. 7	• Issue Open Meetings Law Notice of Board of Canvassers Meeting(s)
After Apr. 7	• Some Campaign Committees May File a Campaign Finance Termination Report
On or About Apr. 8	• Receipt of Election Materials and Other Related Duties
Apr. 8-14	• Canvass of Election Returns and Written Determination of Election Results
Apr. 8-17	• Recount Request May Be Filed by a Qualifying Aggrieved Party (If any)
Apr. 8-17	• Clerk Issues Certificate(s) of Election • Clerk Notifies Municipal and County Clerks of School District Officers
On or Before Apr. 27	• School Board Members Take and File Official Oath • Deadline for Newly Elected School Board Members to File Notice of Refusal of Salary that Takes Effect at the Start of the Term of Office
Apr. 27	• School Board Members Take Office
Apr. 27 – May 27	• Election of School Board Officials (i.e. Board Officers)

JUNE 2026

DATE	EVENT
On or About June 30	• Clerk Notifies Non-Exempt Committees of Deadline for Filing Campaign Finance July Continuing Report (for Period Ending June 30)

JULY 2026

DATE	EVENT
July 15	• Deadline for Non-Exempt Committees to File July Continuing Report
July 16	• Clerk Performs Duties with Respect to Campaign Finance Reports that Have Been Filed or that Are Delinquent