

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Anyone seeking to hold office must meet certain qualifications. While there are minimum requirements that apply to every office, some offices may require additional qualifications. Candidates are responsible for determining whether or not they are eligible to hold public office. The Elections Department will provide information regarding the qualifications to hold specific offices to interested individuals and will verify the candidates' qualifications to the best of our ability.

General Qualifications to Run for and Hold Public Office:

Age/Citizenship

A person is incapable of holding a civil office if at the time of his/her election or appointment he/she is not 18 years of age and a citizen of the state. [Gov. Code Sec. 1020]

Registered Voter/District Resident

Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. [Election Code Sec. 201]

Following this page are additional specific qualifications for individual offices as prescribed by law.

QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIC TO OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Education Code 1205-1208

1205. For the purposes of prescribing the qualifications required of county superintendents of schools the counties are classified on the basis of the average daily attendance in the public schools as follows:

Class one (1) includes all counties with an average daily attendance of seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) and over.

Class two (2) includes all counties with an average daily attendance of one hundred forty thousand (140,000) to seven hundred forty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (749,999), inclusive.

Class three (3) includes all counties with an average daily attendance of sixty thousand (60,000) to one hundred thirty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (139,999), inclusive.

Class four (4) includes all counties with an average daily attendance of thirty thousand (30,000) to fifty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (59,999), inclusive.

Class five (5) includes all counties with an average daily attendance of fifteen thousand (15,000) to twenty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (29,999), inclusive.

Class six (6) includes all counties with an average daily attendance of seven thousand (7,000) to fourteen thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (14,999), inclusive.

Class seven (7) includes all counties with an average daily attendance of one thousand (1,000) to six thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (6,999), inclusive.

Class eight (8) includes all counties with an average daily attendance of under one thousand (1,000).

Note: El Dorado County is Class Five (5).

1206. Except as provided in this section no person shall hereafter be elected or appointed to office as county superintendent of schools of any county who does not possess a valid credential issued by the State Board of Education of the type designated in Sections 1205 to 1212, inclusive, for each class.

Where a county changes from one class to another because of an increase in the average daily attendance in the public schools of such county, the incumbent county superintendent of schools in that county shall not be prohibited from continuing in office and shall be eligible for reelection to the same office regardless of whether he possesses a valid credential otherwise required in a county of that class.

1207. The qualifications of the county superintendent of schools in each county shall be as set forth in Sections 1205 to 1212, inclusive, for that class into which the county falls. The class into which each county falls shall be determined on October 1st of each year based upon the average daily attendance in the public schools of such county for the preceding school year as reported to the State Department of Education. In no case will the salary of the county superintendent be lowered during his term of office.

The salaries set forth in Section 1213 are payable to incumbent county superintendents of schools; provided, however, that the salary of an incumbent shall not be reduced during the term for which he was elected or appointed or for any consecutive new term to which he is elected or appointed.

1208. (a) All county superintendents of schools in counties within classes (1) to (8), inclusive, shall possess a valid certification document authorizing administrative services.

(b) For purposes of this section, the possession of a valid elementary administrative credential and a valid secondary administrative credential are equivalent to the possession of a valid general administrative credential.

Note: Education Codes 1209, 1210, 1211 and 1212 have been repealed.