

Parents and community members form the foundation of the governance system in Frontier School Division by participating on school committees, area advisory committees and the Board of Trustees. Elections for the committees and for the Board of Trustees are conducted in accordance with *The Public Schools Act* and *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act*.

Qualifications

To become a school trustee in Frontier School Division, a qualified resident must first be elected to the local school committee. The local school committee then elects one representative to the area advisory committee. Each area advisory committee then elects two members from their committee to the Board of Trustees.

To be a school trustee in Frontier School Division, a resident must meet the qualifications required by *The Public Schools Act*:

“A person is qualified to be nominated for and elected as a trustee of a school board, if the person

- a. is a Canadian citizen;*
- b. is of the full age of 18 years, or will be of the full age of 18 years at the date of the election;*
- c. is an actual resident in the school division or school district, and will have been so for a period of at least six months at the date of the election; and*
- d. is not disqualified under any other provision of this Act or under any other Act, and is not otherwise by law prohibited, from being a trustee or from voting at elections in the school division or school district.”*
(Section 22)

In addition to the above qualifications, *The Public Schools Act* also disqualifies some candidates:

- a. A member of the Legislative Assembly or the Senate or House of Commons of Canada is not eligible to be nominated or elected as a trustee.
- b. A pupil in regular attendance at a school within the same school division or district may not be a trustee.
- c. An employee of the same school board or school division may not serve as a trustee unless he or she takes a leave of absence from the employee’s work.

Election Dates

Elections in Frontier School Division are held on the same date on which general elections for members of municipal councils are held.

Term of Office

Each trustee holds office for a term of four years.

Information: [The Public Schools Act, Section 22, Section 25](#)
[The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act](#)
[Frontier School Division School Committee Resource Manual](#)
[Frontier School Division By-laws, Procedures and Protocols of the Board of Trustees](#)

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