

**Miami-Dade County
2012 School Board Candidates
Candidate Qualifying Information**

QUALIFICATIONS: [F.S. 1001.34]

Each member of the district school board shall be a qualified elector of the district in which she or he serves, shall be a resident of the district school board member residence area from which she or he is elected, and shall maintain said residency throughout her or his term of office.

TYPE OF ELECTION: Nonpartisan [F.S. 1001.361]

ELECTION AREA: District [F.S. 1001.361]

DISTRICTS TO BE ELECTED: [F.S. 1001.362(2)(c)]

District	Incumbent
1	Wilbert Theodore Holloway
3	Martin S. Karp
5	Renier Diaz de la Portilla
7	Carlos L. Curbelo
9	Lawrence S. Feldman

TERM: Four (4) years [F.S. 100.041(3)(a)]

The term for School Board members shall commence on the second Tuesday following the general election (November 20, 2012). [F.S. 100.041(3)(a)]

SALARY: \$38,500 Annual (Based on salary as of July 1, 2011)

ELECTION DATES: August 14, 2012 – Primary [F.S. 105.051(b) and F.S. 100.061]
November 6, 2012 – General [F.S. 105.051(c) and F.S. 100.031]
(Should a runoff election be required, the race will be included in the General Election)

QUALIFYING DATES: Noon, Monday, June 4, 2012, through Noon, Friday, June 8, 2012 [F.S. 105.031(1)]

A qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior (May 21, 2012) to the beginning of the qualifying period to be processed and filed during the qualifying period. [F.S. 99.061(8)]

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QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

The following items must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department:

Qualifying Method – Qualifying Fee

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))*
3. Receipt of Handbook and The Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))*
4. Campaign Treasurer's Report Electronic Filing Requirements for Miami-Dade County ([Form MD-ED 10](#))*
5. Declaration and First Amendment Waiver ([MDC Ethics Commission Waiver](#)) (optional)
6. Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered ([MDC Ethics Commission Declaration](#)) (optional)
7. Candidate Oath – School Board Nonpartisan Office ([Form DS-DE 25A](#))
8. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest – 2011 (CE Form 6) along with any other applicable forms. Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with filing officer at time of qualifying. The 2011 CE Form 6 will be available after January 1, 2012, in the [Florida Commission on Ethics website](#).
9. Qualifying fee of \$1,540.00 is to be paid by means of a bank check drawn from the candidate's campaign account as prescribed in F.S. 106.11(1)(a), made payable to the Board of County Commissioners. Qualifying fee is 4% of the annual salary as of July 1 of the preceding year (3% Filing fee plus an election assessment of 1%). [Florida Statutes 105.031(3)]
10. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office.

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Qualifying Method – Petitions

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9. Candidate Petition ([Form DS-DE 104](#))
10. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office.

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Who Can Sign Petitions? [F.S. 99.095 and F.S. 105.035]
Any registered elector in the County may sign a petition.

Signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates pursuant to F.S. 106.021 and valid only for the qualifying period immediately following such filings.

Since this is an apportionment year, the Candidate shall obtain at least the number of the signatures equal to 1% (12,058) of the total number of registered voters (1,205,770) in the County for the immediately preceding general election, divided by the total number of districts (9):

2012 petition signature requirement is 1,340 valid petitions

Deadline for Submitting Petitions: [F.S. 99.095 and F.S. 105.035]
Candidates must submit petitions for verification to the Miami-Dade Elections Department no later than noon of the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period (May 7, 2012).

Petition Verification: [F.S. 99.097]
There is a charge of 10 cents per name for verification of signatures, which must be paid to the Miami-Dade Elections Department upon submission of petitions. The candidate may file an "[Affidavit of Undue Burden](#)" with the Miami-Dade Elections Department to waive the cost of verification. [F.S. 99.097(4)]

If any person is paid to solicit signatures on a petition, an undue burden oath may not subsequently be filed in lieu of paying the fee to have signatures verified for that petition. If an undue burden oath has been filed and payment is subsequently made to any person to solicit signatures on a petition, the undue burden oath is no longer valid and a fee for all signatures previously submitted to the supervisor of elections and any that are submitted thereafter shall be paid by the candidate who submitted the undue burden oath. [F.S. 99.097(6)]

Supervisor of Elections must certify the number of valid signatures no later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period (May 28, 2012) and submit such certification to the Division of Elections. [F.S. 105.035(4)(b)]

If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures, he/she may still qualify by paying the qualifying fee.

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Qualifying Method – Write-in Candidate

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))*
3. Receipt of Handbook and The Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))*
4. Campaign Treasurer's Report Electronic Filing Requirements for Miami-Dade County ([Form MD-ED 10](#))*
5. Declaration and First Amendment Waiver ([MDC Ethics Commission Waiver](#)) (optional)
6. Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered ([MDC Ethics Commission Declaration](#)) (optional)
7. Candidate Oath – School Board Write-In Candidate ([Form DS-DE 24F](#))
8. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest – 2011 (CE Form 6) along with any other applicable forms. Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with filing officer at time of qualifying. The 2011 CE Form 6 will be available after January 1, 2012, in the [Florida Commission on Ethics website](#).
9. No qualifying fee required; a blank space will be provided on the general election ballot for names of write-in candidates.
10. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office.

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Miami-Dade County 2012 School Board Candidates Candidate Forms and Additional Resources

CANDIDATE FORMS

The following list is a compilation of forms to be used by School Board District candidates who qualify with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department and their campaign treasurer(s). For your convenience, a hyperlink has been provided for each form.

Opening of Account	
DS-DE 9	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
DS-DE 84	Statement of Candidate
MD-ED 2	Receipt of Handbooks and the Election Law Book
MD-ED 10	Campaign Treasurer's Report Electronic Filing Requirements for Miami-Dade County
MDC Ethics Commission Waiver	Declaration and First Amendment Waiver (optional)
MDC Ethics Commission Declaration	Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered (optional)
Qualifying	
DS-DE 104	Candidate Petition
Affidavit of Undue Burden	Affidavit of Undue Burden – if unable to pay for the verification of the signatures
DS-DE 25A	Candidate Oath – School Board Nonpartisan Office
DS-DE 24F	Candidate Oath – School Board Write-in Candidate
CE Form 6	Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest - 2011; along with any other forms, if applicable. The form will be available after January 1, 2012, in the Florida Commission on Ethics website.
Campaign Reporting	
DS-DE 12	Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary
DS-DE 13	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Contributions
DS-DE 14	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Expenditures
DS-DE 94	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Fund Transfers
DS-DE 87	Waiver of Report
DS-DE 86	Request for Return of Contribution
DS-DE 2	Contributions Returned
Termination Reports	
DS-DE 73	Campaign Loans Report
DS-DE 73A	Campaign Loans Report Itemized
Elected Officials – Opening an Office Account	
DS-DE 48	Office Account Report
DS-DE 48A	Office Account Disbursement or Deposit Information

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [2012 Reporting Dates for Campaign Treasurer's Reports](#)
- [2011 Election Laws of the State of Florida](#)
- [2011 School District Governance Laws of the State of Florida](#)
- [2012 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook](#)
- [Candidate Petition Handbook](#)
- [Year on Ballot and Terms of Offices](#)
- [2012 List of Offices to be Elected](#)
- [Precincts in School Board Districts](#)