

# School Board Member Oath of Office



"I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I  
will faithfully discharge the duties of  
the office of member of the Board of  
Education (or Board of School Directors)  
of \_\_\_\_\_, in  
accordance with the Constitution of the  
United States, the Constitution of the State  
of Illinois, and the laws of the State of  
Illinois, to the best of my ability.

"I further swear (or affirm) that:

"I shall respect taxpayer interests by  
serving as a faithful protector of the school  
district's assets;

"I shall encourage and respect the free  
expression of opinion by my fellow board  
members and others who seek a hearing  
before the board, while respecting the  
privacy of students and employees;

"I shall recognize that a board member  
has no legal authority as an individual  
and that decisions can be made only by a  
majority vote at a public board meeting;

"I shall abide by majority decisions of the  
board, while retaining the right to seek  
changes in such decisions through ethical  
and constructive channels;

"As part of the Board of Education (or  
Board of School Directors, as the case may  
be), I shall accept the responsibility for my

role in the equitable and quality education  
of every student in the school district;

"I shall foster with the board  
extensive participation of the  
community, formulate goals, define  
outcomes, and set the course for  
\_\_\_\_\_;

"I shall assist in establishing a structure  
and an environment designed to ensure  
all students have the opportunity to  
attain their maximum potential through  
a sound organizational framework;

"I shall strive to ensure a continuous  
assessment of student achievement and  
all conditions affecting the education  
of our children, in compliance with  
State law;

"I shall serve as education's key  
advocate on behalf of students  
and our community's school (or  
schools) to advance the vision for  
\_\_\_\_\_; and

"I shall strive to work together with the  
district superintendent to lead the school  
district toward fulfilling the vision the  
board has created, fostering excellence  
for every student in the areas of  
academic skills, knowledge, citizenship,  
and personal development."

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BOARD MEMBER

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DISTRICT

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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SUPERINTENDENT

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DATE