

Section 1. Qualification: To be qualified to serve as a Board Member, a person must be a citizen of the State of Georgia, a resident of the School District in which he/she qualifies, must be at least 21 years of age, of good moral character. The following classes of individuals may not be qualified to serve on the Board of Education: (1) An individual employed by or serving on the governing body of a primary or secondary private educational institution. (2) Individuals employed by the Cherokee County Board of Education/Cherokee County School System. (3) Individuals employed by the State Department of Education. (4) Individuals serving as a member of the State Board of Education.

Section 2. Term of Office: Each member of the Board of Education shall be elected to a four (4) year staggered term. The Chairman of the Board and Members from Posts 1 and 2 shall be elected in the November, 2012 general election to serve a term from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016 and shall be re-elected or replaced thereafter on a four (4) year rotating basis and Members from Posts 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be elected in the November, 2014 general election to serve a term from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

Section 3. Residency Requirement: The Chairman of the Board may reside anywhere within the Cherokee County School District and will be elected by the entire population of Cherokee County at-large. The six other Board Members, must reside in one (1) of the legally constituted districts (Posts) within Cherokee County and will be elected within that district. No more than one (1) member may represent any one (1) District (Post). A detailed map of said districts is maintained at the Cherokee County School Board's central office as well as the Cherokee County Probate Judge's office. Said map is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Any Board Member who relocates his residence outside the Post from which he/she was elected during his/her term of office shall no longer be eligible to continue to serve. Such relocation shall be considered as a resignation for purposes of this Policy.

Section 4. Resignation: In the event of a resignation or relocation as provided hereinabove of any Board of Education Member, the remaining Board Members shall notify the County Election Superintendent of such vacancy. The County Election Superintendent shall then call for a special election to replace the vacant seat provided, however, that if such vacancy occurs within ninety (90) days of the expiration of the resigning Board Member's term, the remaining Board Members may appoint a citizen possessing the qualifications and residence requirements specified hereinabove to fill the unexpired vacant term.

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Cherokee County Board of Education