



DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BE A SCHOOL BOARD WRITE-IN CANDIDATE IN 2026

(CAN-26)

State Form 46415 (R9 /7-25)
Indiana Election Division (IC 3-8-2.5-4)

INSTRUCTIONS: A declaration of intent to be a school board write-in candidate must be filed not earlier than **August 5, 2026**; and not later than **NOON, August 21, 2026**. Please print or type all information on this form except all signatures. **All declared write-in candidates for election to a school board office must file the CAN-12 form WITH this form. SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM.**

STATE OF INDIANA)
)
COUNTY OF _____)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- I, _____, the undersigned, certify the following:
Name of Candidate
- (1) I am a registered voter of Precinct _____ of the Township of _____,
(or of Ward, *if applicable*, _____ of the City or Town of _____,) County of _____,
State of Indiana.
- (2) I am (*check one box and enter name of any applicable party*)
☐ an independent candidate (*not affiliated with any party*); **OR**
☐ affiliated with a party **OTHER THAN** the Democratic Party, Libertarian Party, or Republican Party, namely the
_____ Party.
- (3) I declare my intention to be a write-in candidate for the office of **School Board Member**,
_____ School Corporation, _____ District (*if any*)
to be voted on at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026.
- (4) I comply with all requirements under the laws of the State of Indiana to be a candidate for this office, including any applicable
residence requirements. I am not ineligible to be a candidate due to a criminal conviction that would prohibit me from serving in this
office.

RESIDENCY INFORMATION

- (5) My complete residence address is:
_____, IN (*amend if other state*) _____
Complete residence address must be included City ZIP Code
- (6) My mailing address is:
Write address if mailing address is different from residence address; write "SAME" if both addresses are identical.
_____, IN (*amend if other state*) _____
Mailing address City ZIP Code

CANDIDATE NAME INFORMATION

I request that my name be certified as a declared write-in candidate for the general election ballot in the following manner as described in IC 3-5-7:

| First Designation | Second Designation | Third Designation | Fourth Designation | Suffix |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The candidate's legal given name.The initial of the candidate's legal given name.The candidate's legal middle name.The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.The candidate's nickname. | This can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The candidate's legal middle name.The initial of the candidate's legal middle name.The candidate's nickname.The candidate's legal surname. | If not used in the first or second designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The candidate's nickname.The candidate's legal surname | If not used in the third designation, this can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The candidate's nickname.The candidate's legal surname | Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jr. or III CANNOT be a title or degree such as MD, JD |

I also request that my name on my voter registration record be the same as the name on this declaration of candidacy. (IC 3-8-2-7(c))

If a candidate's name does not comply with IC 3-5-7, the declaration may be challenged under Indiana Code 3-8-1-2. A candidate may use a nickname on the ballot only if the nickname is a name by which the candidate is commonly known and does not exceed 20 characters. A candidate may not use a title or degree as a designation or a designation that implies a title or degree. Nicknames are required to be printed on the ballot using parentheses. **EXAMPLE:** John R. (Jack) Doe

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE OF FORM

CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

- (7) *(This paragraph does not apply to federal offices.)* By initialing, I acknowledge that I have attached a copy of the applicable statement of economic interest statement, file stamped by the office required to receive the statement, or a receipt or photocopy of a receipt showing that this statement of economic interest has been filed. **(initial here)** _____
- (8) *(This paragraph does not apply to a candidate for federal office or state legislative office)* By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to file a surety bond before serving in office. **(initial here)** _____
- (9) *(This paragraph does not apply for candidates for federal office, state office, or state legislative office.)* By initialing, I acknowledge that I might be required to complete training or have attained certification related to service in office. **(initial here)** _____
- (10) *(This paragraph does not apply to a candidate for federal office.)* By initialing, I acknowledge that I am aware of the provisions of the Indiana Campaign Finance Act (IC 3-9) regarding campaign finance and the reporting of campaign finance contributions and expenditures and I agree to comply with IC 3-9. **(initial here)** _____
- (11) I have been a candidate for state, state legislative, or local office in a previous primary, municipal, special, or general election: **(check one)** ☐ Yes ☐ No *If the answer to this question is no, skip paragraph 12 and proceed to paragraph 13.*
- (12) I have filed all reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous candidacies: **(check one)** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- (13) *(This paragraph only applies to a candidate for a local office, including judicial offices and prosecuting attorney, if the local office receives compensation of at least \$5,000 per year, or to a local office if the local office receives compensation of less than \$5,000 but the candidate raises or spends more than \$500.)* I have filed a campaign finance statement of organization for my principal candidate's committee with the appropriate county election board **OR** I am aware that I may be required to file the campaign finance statement of organization not later than noon, seven (7) days after the final date to file this declaration of candidacy. **(initial here)** _____

**I certify that the information in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and complete,
and that I meet the specific requirements of this office.**

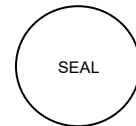
Signature _____ Date Signed (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Telephone (Day) _____ Telephone (Evening) _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

Candidate's email: _____ Campaign website: _____

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2026.



Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath according to IC 33-42-9-7

My Commission expires *(applies only to Notary Public)*: _____ County of Residence: _____

CAMPAIGN FINANCE NOTICE

If a school board candidate has opened a campaign committee, then the candidate's committee must file its first campaign finance report no later than **NOON, September 11, 2026**, with the appropriate county election board.

If a school board candidate has opened a campaign committee, then the candidate's committee must file a pre-election campaign finance report no later than **NOON, October 16, 2026**, with the appropriate county election board.

The candidate's committee must also file a pre-election supplemental report no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the committee receives and accepts any contribution of \$1,000 or more during the period beginning **October 10, 2026, and ending at 6 a.m. on November 1, 2026**, with the appropriate county election board. If no such contribution is received and accepted, the candidate's committee is not required to file a supplemental report.

A person who fails to file a report with a county election board is subject to a civil penalty of \$50 for each day the report is late, with the afternoon of the final date for filing the report being calculated as the first day, for a maximum penalty of not more than \$1,000, plus any investigative costs incurred and documented by the county election board.