

Voter FAQ

Why should I vote for a trustee in the municipal election?

School boards are governed by trustees who are elected by, and accountable to, their communities. When you vote for a trustee, you are voting for public education and ensuring your community has a voice in decision making.

What do school boards do?

School boards are crucial decision-making bodies that shape the educational experiences of thousands of students across Alberta. In Alberta, school boards are considered statutory corporations empowered by the provincial government to govern local education.

School boards are entrusted to govern their division by balancing the diverse needs of students, families and communities. Their work encompasses several key areas including setting direction; developing policy; budget approval and oversight; superintendent oversight; advocacy and representation; and, community engagement.

What do trustees do?

Trustees are elected every four years and act as advocates for students, stewards of public funds and bridges between the community and the school division. Trustees work collaboratively as part of a school board to ensure students receive a high-quality education that reflects the values and needs of their community. Their authority is rooted in the *Education Act*, which delegates governance powers to school boards, and the *Local Authorities Election Act*, which regulates trustee elections.

Where do I find out who is running to be a trustee in my area?

In Alberta, electors can vote for candidates for public, catholic and francophone school boards. To see the list of declared candidates, please visit your local school board or municipality's website.

Am I eligible to vote?

To vote in a school board election in Alberta, you must be at least 18 years of age; a Canadian citizen; and a resident of Alberta and your place of residence is located in the school board's boundaries on election day.

Permanent Electors Register

To vote, your name must be on the Permanent Electors Register and you must produce one piece of government issued photo identification. The deadline to ensure your name is on the Permanent Electors Register was August 15. View the list of accepted identification [here](#).

Eligible voters not on the Permanent Electors Register will be required to fill out a form and produce one piece of government issued photo identification (see list of accepted identification above). Check if you are on the Permanent Electors Register [here](#). For further information, refer to the [Local Authorities Election Act](#).

When and where do I vote?

Election day is Monday, October 20, 2025.

- *Advanced voting:* Your municipality may have one or more days of advance voting. Electors unable to vote on election day are encouraged to vote during an available advance voting day.
- *Voting on election day:* On election day, electors may vote at their assigned voting location. Election day voting locations are commonly in schools, community halls and other public buildings.
- *Where to vote:* Electors can find details on election day voting stations through their municipality or school board.