

September 15, 2026

Special School Board Election Timeline

July

July 17

Written Notice of September Special School Board Elections by Board of Education to Municipal Clerks and County Boards of Election
(no less than 60 days prior to election)
N.J.S.A. 19:60-2

July 17

Secretary of the Board of Education Forwards Certified Statement Designating the Public Question to be Voted Upon to County Clerk
(By 10 a.m., 60 days preceding a special school election)
N.J.S.A. 19:60-4

July 21

Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for September Special School Board Elections by County Clerks
(prior to the 55th day before election)
N.J.S.A. 19:63-6

July 26 - August 24

Publication of Notice of September Special School Board Elections by County Boards of Election
(once during the 30 days next preceding the voter registration deadline)
N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

August

August 25

Voter Registration Deadline for September Special School Board Elections
(21 days before election)
N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

August 25

Deadline for Filing Challenger Appointments for Special School Board Election
(Third Tuesday preceding election)
N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

September

September 6 - September 12

Publication of Notice of September Special School Board Elections by County Boards of Election
(once during the calendar week prior to election)
N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

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September 8

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for September Special School Board Elections by County Boards of Election

(7 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

September 8

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for September Special School Board Elections

(not less than 7 days prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

September 9

Mailing of Sample Ballots for September Special School Board Elections

(on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding election)

(Consistent with requirements prior to the implementation of early voting which does not apply to school elections)

September 10

Last Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for September Special School Board Elections

(A county board of elections may begin opening the inner envelopes for each mail-in ballot and canvassing each mail-in ballot from the inner envelope no earlier than five days prior to the day of the election-September 15)

(notice to be given 48 hours prior to the start of testing)

N.J.S.A. 19:53A-8; 19:63-22 (b)

September 11

Deadline for Application to Receive September Special School Board Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

(4th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:59-4

September 14 - by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for September Special School Board Election

(up to 3:00 p.m. the day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

September 14

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for September Special School Board Elections by County Boards of Election

(1 day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

September 15

September Special School Board Elections

(last Tuesday in September, unless changed by the Commissioner of Education when the date of the election coincides with a period of religious observance)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-2

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Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the September Special School Board Election

September 15

Deadline for in Person Submission of September Special School Board Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election or to Authorized Ballot Drop Boxes

(by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-16; NJSA 19:63-16.1e

September 17

Deadline for Receipt by County Boards of Elections of Mail-In Ballots by delivery of the United States Postal Service that DO NOT Bear a Postmark of Delivery

(no later than 48 hours (2 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-22

September 21

Deadline for Receipt of Timely Mailed Postmarked Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election

(no later than 144 hours (6 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-22

September 28

Deadline for Receipt of Cure Form to County Boards of Election

(no later than 48 hours (2 days) prior to the final certification of the results of the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-17

September 30 – 12 p.m.

Meeting of County Board of Canvassers for September Special School Board Elections

(15 days after the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:19-1, N.J.S.A. 19:19-4, N.J.S.A. 19:19-6

October

October 3

Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the September Special School Board Election

(3 days after the certification of the results of the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21; N.J.S.A. 19:53C-21

October 3

Deadline for Recount Applications for September Special School Board Elections

(within 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

October 17

Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for September Special School Board Elections

(not later than 32 days after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:29-3