

Missoula County Media Release

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Candidate Filing Period for School, Special District Elections Now Open

Candidates hoping to serve on numerous school and special district boards throughout the county can now file to run for office.

School and special district elections will be held Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The following school districts have reported open positions to the Elections Office:

Missoula County Public Schools: Three 3-year K-12 terms, one 1-year high school term, one 2-year high school term

Hellgate Elementary: Three 3-year terms

Lolo Elementary: Two 3-year terms

Potomac Elementary: Two 3-year terms

Bonner Elementary: One 3-year term

Woodman Elementary: One 2-year term, one 3-year term

Sunset Elementary: One 2-year term, one 3-year term

Clinton Elementary: One 3-year term

Swan Valley Elementary: One 2-year term

Missoula County has 24 special districts that are authorized to perform limited functions for the communities they serve, such as managing sewer and water services, fire and emergency services, and irrigation. A complete list of special districts is [online](#).

No special districts have reported board openings to the Elections Office yet, but both they and the school districts have until Friday, Jan. 25, to submit open positions for the May election. A list of open positions for [school](#) and [special districts](#) will be updated online regularly.

The Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy forms for school and special districts elections is available [online](#) under “2019 Candidate Filing Information.” The forms must be submitted, and filing fees paid, by Monday, Feb. 11, for special district elections and Thursday, March 28, for school elections. Candidates should submit their paperwork to the Missoula County Elections Office, located on the first floor of the Courthouse Annex at 200 W. Broadway St. Filing fees and residency requirements vary by district.

Candidates should note that they also must submit additional forms related to campaign finance reporting through the state Commissioner of Political Practices, which also handles campaign finance complaints. More information on those forms is on the [COPP website](#).

While the Montana Secretary of State manages candidate filing for statewide offices and legislative districts, the Missoula County Elections Office handles filing for all local positions, which also includes county and city elections.

More information and a list of frequently asked questions are available at <https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/administration/elections-office/information-for-candidates>.

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