

2024 Election Rules

The Nova Classical Governance Committee provides the following rules for the 2024 Nova Classical Board of Directors Election, effective February 1, 2024.

1. The voters eligible to elect Nova Classical's Board of Directors are teachers and staff members currently employed by the school, parents and legal guardians of students currently enrolled at the school, and the community member currently serving on Nova Classical's Board of Directors.
2. For the 2024 board elections, the following seats are up for election:
 - a) a parent or legal guardian of a child enrolled at Nova Classical
 - b) a licensed teacher currently employed at Nova Classical

Specifically, the Governance Committee has determined that there are two seats up for election: one parent seat for a three-year term and one teacher seat for a three-year term. Each candidate for a board seat must, if elected, be eligible to hold a seat in the chosen category on July 1, 2024, the commencement of their board service, and maintain eligibility throughout their term. To be eligible to run and serve as a parent on the Nova Classical Board, the candidate must be the legal guardian of a child attending Nova Classical Academy. A parent/ guardian who is employed by Nova Classical in any capacity is not eligible to run or serve on the Board as a parent. To be eligible to run and serve as a teacher on the Nova Classical Board, the candidate must be employed by Nova Classical in a licensed teaching position. The teacher candidate may or may not have children enrolled at Nova Classical. All candidates must also be at least 21 years of age at the commencement of their board service.

3. Except as otherwise specifically approved by the Board and/or the Governance Committee, the Nova Classical campus or any other school location, communications channel, or school function may not be used for election purposes or organized campaigning by or on behalf of any candidate. They are also not to be used for the distribution of any campaign material without specific approval of the Board and/or Governance Committee.
 - a. The Governance Committee is planning to hold a Candidate Forum and will provide ways for all candidates to either participate or provide similar information to the Nova Classical community.
4. Nova Classical is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, and as such is prohibited from certain activities of a political nature. People holding official positions within Nova Classical are strongly encouraged to become familiar with IRS regulations and guidelines governing participation in political campaigns by officials of a 501(c)(3) organization.
5. To avoid even the appearance of impropriety, any person who is simultaneously a candidate for a Board seat while serving on the Nova Classical Governance Committee shall not participate in any deliberation nor vote upon any matter governing that election. Because all Nova Classical Board and committee meetings are subject to Minnesota Open Meeting Law, such a candidate may, if they choose, remain in the meeting while such matters are discussed and/or voted upon, but shall not otherwise participate.
6. Questions or challenges regarding candidate eligibility and/or campaigning, voter eligibility, balloting, or any other aspect of the 2024 Nova Board Election must be in writing and sent to the Governance Committee at governance@novaclassical.org.
7. Potential candidates should be aware that all candidates for Nova Classical board seats must consent to a criminal background check.