

## WHAT ARE CITY/SCHOOL ELECTIONS ANYWAY?

*City/school elections* (also called local elections or municipal elections) happen in Kansas every other year, **in odd years**. Across the state, cities and counties elect new Mayors, city council/commission members, school and community college board members, and more. These elections take place in November.

Every city's ballot will look a little different depending on which offices are up for election. We're compiling those lists now and be sharing them soon.

If a lot of people file to run for the same seat, there will be a *primary election* on **August 3rd** to bring the number of candidates down to two. This year, only 12 Kansas counties will have primary elections.

City/school elections are *nonpartisan*, so primaries are not split by political party like you might be used to in an even year election, when you're voting for US Senate or Governor etc. If your area has a primary race, all registered voters can participate in it, regardless of political party affiliation (like Democrat or Republican).

For everyone else, there will be a *general election* in November, like usual, to select a winning candidate. This year that date is **November 2nd**.

Because city/school elections in Kansas are nonpartisan, candidates will not be affiliated with any political party on the ballot. This might mean you will need to do a little more research on your candidates to comfortably cast a vote, but our ballot guide [KSBallot.org](http://KSBallot.org) live in September, will help with that.

Now that you have all the background. **[Get started on your election checklist!](#)**