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2015 SCHOOL ELECTION CALENDAR

	MUNICIPAL Second Tuesday in April	PRIMARY First Tuesday after the first Monday in June	TRADITIONAL Third Tuesday in June
The annual election for school districts shall be held between the second Tuesday in April and the third Tuesday in June (SDCL 13-7-10). The days to the right are found to be the most common. A school district may choose an alternative date.			
The school board shall set the date of the Annual School Election no later than the first regular meeting in January. (13-7-10)	April 14 th	June 2 rd	June 16 th
The person in charge of the election must notify the Secretary of State when the election will take place by e-mail, letter, fax, or telephone. (12-2-7)	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately
Publish notice of vacancies and time and place for filing petitions each week for two consecutive weeks. (13-7-5 , 13-7-10.4 & 05:02:04:14)	January 15 th - January 30 th	February 15 th - March 1 st	March 15 th - March 30 th
Earliest date to begin petition circulation and earliest date to file nominating petition. (13-7-10.2 , 13-7-10.4 , 13-7-6)	January 30 st	March 1 st	April 7 th
Deadline for filing nominating petition. (13-7-10.2 , 13-7-10.4 , 13-7-6)	February 27 th 5:00 pm	March 31 th 5:00 pm	May 8 th 5:00 pm
Deadline for submission of written request to withdraw candidate's name from nomination. (13-7-7)	February 27 th 5:00 pm	March 31 th 5:00 pm	May 8 th 5:00 pm
Publish first deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. (12-4-5.2 & 05:02:04:04)	March 9 th - March 13 th	April 27 th - May 1 nd	May 11 th - May 15 th
Publish last deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. (12-4-5.2 & 5:02:04:04)	March 16 th - March 20 th	May 4 th - May 8 th	May 18 th - May 22 rd
Deadline for voter registration. (15 days before election) (12-4-5)	March 30 th	May 18 th	June 1 nd
Absentee ballots must be made available no later than 15 days prior to the election. (13-7-13)	March 30 th	May 18 th	June 1 nd
Publish notice of election that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. First publication must be at least 10 days before election. (13-7-8 & 05:02:04:15)	March 30 th - April 10 th	May 18 th - May 29 th	June 1 nd - June 12 th
Publish facsimile ballot in the calendar week before the election. The calendar week falls from the Monday to the Saturday of the week prior to the Tuesday of Election Day. (13-7-8)	April 6 th - April 11 th	May 25 th - May 30 st	June 8 th - June 13 th

Automatic tabulating systems only. Conduct a public test of the system. Must publish notice 48 hours before test. (12-17B-5 & 5:02:09:01.01)	April 4 th - April 13 th	May 23 th - June 1 nd	June 6 th - June 15 th
Election Day. Polls open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. (13-7-10)	April 14 th	June 2 rd	June 16 th
Deadline for the official canvass. (13-7-18)	Next meeting	Next meeting	Next meeting

Note: If the school election is combined with a municipal election on a date other than the 2nd Tuesday in April, all dates follow [SDCL 13-7](#) (except when combined with the county for a primary election).

Notify County Auditor: Contact your County Auditor when you know you will have an election and ask if he/she can be available from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on that date to answer questions regarding voter registration.