



VETERANS
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City-School Election Toolkit



Iowa Secretary of State

City-School Election General Information



What is the city election?

The city election is held in odd-numbered years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to elect city officers and vote on public measures. All cities will hold a regular city election. It is held in conjunction with the regular school election, so the election is known as the city-school election.

What is the school election?

The school election is held in odd-numbered years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to elect school board members and merged area (community college) trustees and vote on public measures for these jurisdictions. It is held in conjunction with the regular city election, so the election is known as the city-school election.

When is the 2025 election?

For cities requiring a primary election, it will be held on Tuesday October 7, 2025.

The 2025 regular election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Frequently Asked Questions



Can someone run for more than one office?

Yes. If a candidate files nomination papers for both city and school offices, then the candidate's name can appear under both offices on the same ballot. Separate sets of nomination paperwork must be filed with the appropriate filing officer for each office. A candidate cannot run for multiple offices at the same level of government, i.e. they cannot run for mayor and a city council seat.

Can someone hold more than one office?

Statewide elected officials, state senators, and state representatives cannot hold more than one elective office at a time.

All other elected officials cannot hold more than one elective office at the same level of government at a time. For example, a people could serve on the school board and county board of supervisors, but a person could not serve on the county board of supervisors and serve as county auditor.

Exception: This prohibition against holding more than one office does not apply to:

- County Agricultural Extension Council Members
- Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners.

Email Text



These emails can be sent to your members to share information on the upcoming November 4, 2025, City-School Election. These elections are specific to the counties, districts, and wards in which they are held. If members respond with questions about their elections, direct them to their local auditor for specific information. A list of auditors can be found at - sos.iowa.gov/auditors.

Graphics can be found in the folder in both jpg and png format. Graphics can be mixed and matched with the messages or serve as inspiration for your own designs.

Text -

Dear Veteran!

The next election is just around the corner! Secretary of State Paul Pate and (insert organization name) wants you to know that City-School Elections are held in odd-numbered years to elect city officers, school board members, and community college trustees, or vote on public measures. Tuesday, November 4, 2025, will be a city and school district election. City-School Elections are specific to each county, ward, or district. Check with your local auditor for more information about upcoming elections in your area! Veterans for Voting! Get out and vote!

(Insert name of organization)



Dear Veteran!

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate and (insert organization name) want you to know that 2025 is a City-School election year. These elections are held in odd-numbered years. These elections are just as important as presidential elections as they impact local leadership in schools and cities and are responsible for the implementation of public measures. Check with your local auditor for more information on what will be on your ballot and if there are any special elections in your area. Veterans for Voting!

(Insert name of organization)

Dear Veteran!

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate and (insert organization name) hope this email finds you well! In 2024, there was an incredible voter turnout for the presidential election held in November. While 2025 is not a presidential election year, there are many elections held across the state. On average, there are over 100 elections throughout the year. Veterans for Voting needs you to show up and help support your community by casting your ballot.

(Insert name of organization)

Social Media Text

These posts can be scheduled for Facebook, Instagram, or X to share information for the upcoming November 4, 2025, city and school board elections. These elections are specific to the counties, districts, and wards in which they are held. If members respond with questions about their elections, direct them to their local auditor for specific information. A list of auditors can be found at - <https://sos.iowa.gov/auditors>.

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Text -

Veterans for Voting initiative from Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate and (Insert organization name) wants you to vote in City-School Election this November! Contact your local auditor for more information.

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate and (Insert organization name) want you to be aware that on November 4, 2025, there are City-School Elections across Iowa. Check with your local auditor for more information about this year's upcoming elections in your area. Veterans for Voting wants you to vote this fall!

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate and (Insert organization name) would like to make you aware of local City-School Elections near you! Reach out to your local auditor for more information on candidates, polling locations and more.

