

Qualifications to serve as a governor

A governor must:

- be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment;
 - not hold more than one governorship at the same school;
 - not be an adjudged bankrupt or disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or be subject to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986;
 - not have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement;
 - not have been removed, under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990, from being concerned in the management or control of any body;
 - not be included in the list of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young people (currently called List 99);
 - not be disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State;
 - not have been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before, or since, becoming a governor;
 - not have received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
 - not at any time have received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
 - not have been convicted and fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on educational premises during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor.
 - not be liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
 - have been cleared through the disclosure process through the Essex County Council's Disclosure Unit before taking up appointment
 - not be employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for parent governor at the same school
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