

2008 Minnesota School District Election Calendar

This calendar lists important election dates related to the 2008 Election Cycle. Date entries include citations to Minnesota Statutes or Minnesota Rules. Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us>. In all matters, Minnesota Election Law is the final authority, not this calendar. Changes to Minnesota Election Law enacted by the Minnesota State Legislature in 2008 may alter dates or other information on this calendar. For the most current version of this document please check the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us.

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* **Metro Towns (200.02, subd. 24):** Towns located in Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright Counties.

** **Metropolitan area (473.121, subd. 2):** The area over which the Metropolitan Council has jurisdiction, including only the counties of Anoka; Carver; Dakota excluding the city of Northfield; Hennepin excluding the cities of Hanover and Rockford; Ramsey; Scott excluding the city of New Prague; and Washington.

Calculation of Dates:

Dates on the 2008 Minnesota Combined Election Calendar are calculated in the following manner, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 645: When counting the number of days before an election or other event, the day before the event is the first day counted. When counting the number of days after an election or other event, the day after the event is the first day counted. When the last day falls on a weekend or legal holiday, that day is usually omitted from the computation.

Note: When Minnesota Election Law requires that action be taken on or before a date that falls on a weekend, this calendar usually uses the previous Friday date to ensure timely action.

For relevant law on the calculation of dates, see Minn. Stat. §§ 645.13; 645.15; 645.151; 331A.08, subd. 1; 331A.08, subd. 2.

645.13 Time; publication for successive weeks.

When the term "successive weeks" is used in any law providing for the publishing of notices, the word "weeks" shall be construed as calendar weeks. The publication upon any day of such weeks shall be sufficient publication for that week, but at least five days shall elapse between each publication. At least the number of weeks specified in "successive weeks" shall elapse between the first publication and the day for the happening of the event for which the publication is made.

645.15 Computation of time.

Where the performance or doing of any act, duty, matter, payment, or thing is ordered or directed, and the period of time or duration for the performance or doing thereof is prescribed and fixed by law, the time, except as otherwise provided in sections 645.13 and 645.14, shall be computed so as to exclude the first and include the last day of the prescribed or fixed period or duration of time. When the last day of the period falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, that day shall be omitted from the computation.

645.151 Timely delivery or filing.

When an application, payment, return, claim, statement or other document is to be delivered to or filed with a department, agency or instrumentality of this state or of a political subdivision on or before a prescribed date and the prescribed date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, it is timely delivered or filed if it is delivered or filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

331A.08

Subd.1. **Time for publication.** The time for publication of public notices shall be computed to exclude the first day of publication and include the day on which the act or event, of which notice is given, is to happen or which completes the full period required for publication.

Subd. 2. **Time for act or proceeding.** The time within which an act is to be done or proceeding had or taken, as prescribed by the rules of procedure, shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last. If the last day is Sunday or a legal holiday the party shall have the next secular day in which to do the act or take the proceeding.

Begin Date	End Date	Bolded type indicates subdivision affected:	Statute §	Affected	Reference
Tuesday, January 01, 2008	Tuesday, January 01, 2008	New Year's Day Holiday. No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd.5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Monday, January 07, 2008	Monday, January 07, 2008	School Districts: Terms begin for school district officers elected at the November 2007 General Election - first Monday in January. <i>Minn. Stat. §123B.09</i>	123B.09	School Districts	After the Election

Monday, January 21, 2008	Monday, January 21, 2008	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday - No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Thursday, January 31, 2008	Thursday, January 31, 2008	School Districts: Annual Campaign Finance Reports due - January 31 of each year. <i>Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	School Districts	Filing
Tuesday, February 05, 2008	Tuesday, February 05, 2008	PRECINCT CAUCUS: School Districts: The DFL Party and the Republican Party have set February 5, 2008 as the date for their precinct caucuses. The Independence Party has also set February 5, 2008 as the start date in their caucus process. (The political parties control the proceedings at the caucus)		School Districts	Caucus
Monday, February 18, 2008	Monday, February 18, 2008	Presidents' Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, February 19, 2008	Tuesday, February 19, 2008	School Districts: Last day for school district to conduct a special election prior to the township election - not within 20 days of regularly scheduled municipal election within the school district. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.05, subd. 1</i>	205A.05, subd. 1	School Districts	Special Elections
Tuesday, March 04, 2008	Tuesday, March 04, 2008	PRECINCT CAUCUS: School Districts: This date is statutorily provided for precinct caucuses for the Major Political Parties - at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in March in every state general election year. (The political parties control the proceedings at the caucus) <i>Minn. Stat. §202A.14, subd. 1</i>	202A.14, subd. 1	School Districts	Caucus
Tuesday, March 11, 2008	Tuesday, March 11, 2008	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: School Districts: No public meetings or school events between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. - on a day when an election is held within the district boundaries. <i>Minn. Stat. §204C.03</i>	204C.03	School Districts	Election Day

Tuesday, April 01, 2008	Tuesday, April 01, 2008	School Districts: First day to conduct a school district special election following a township election in the district - not within 20 days after regularly scheduled municipal election within the school district. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.05, subd. 1</i>	205A.05, subd. 1	School Districts	Special Elections
Monday, May 26, 2008	Monday, May 26, 2008	Memorial Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, May 30, 2008	Friday, May 30, 2008	School Districts: Last day to change precinct boundary prior to State Primary election - no later than June 1 in the year of the State General Election. <i>Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 4</i>	204B.14, subd. 4	School Districts	Boundaries
Wednesday, June 11, 2008	Wednesday, June 11, 2008	School Districts: Last day to change polling place prior to primary election - not less than 90 days prior to election. <i>Minn. Stat. §204B.16, subd. 3</i>	204B.16, subd. 3	School Districts	Polling Place
Wednesday, June 11, 2008	Wednesday, June 11, 2008	School Districts: Last day for County Auditor to designate location for absentee voting for general election - 90 days before election. <i>Minn. Stat. §203B.081</i>	203B.081	School Districts	AB
Tuesday, June 17, 2008	Tuesday, June 17, 2008	School Districts: Last day to publish notice of filing - at least 2 weeks before filing opens. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.06, subd. 2</i>	205A.06, subd. 2	School Districts	Notice
Friday, June 20, 2008	Friday, June 20, 2008	School Districts: Last day to post notice of filing - at least 10 days before filing. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.06, subd. 2</i>	205A.06, subd. 2	School Districts	Notice
Tuesday, July 01, 2008	Tuesday, July 15, 2008	School Districts: Candidate filing period - opens 70 days before election and closes 56 days before election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.06, subd. 1a</i>	205A.06, subd. 1a	School Districts	Filing
Friday, July 04, 2008	Friday, July 04, 2008	Independence Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, July 15, 2008	Tuesday, July 15, 2008	School Districts: Candidate filing period closes - 56 days before primary. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.06, subd. 1a</i>	205A.06, subd. 1a	School Districts	Filing

Thursday, July 17, 2008	Thursday, July 17, 2008	School Districts; Obtain School District Attorney approval of ballot formats, instructions, etc. <i>Minn. Stat. §204D.04, subd. 2</i>	204D.04, subd. 2	School Districts	Ballots
Thursday, July 17, 2008	Thursday, July 17, 2008	School Districts: Last day for candidates to withdraw. Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. by filing an Affidavit of Withdrawal - within 2 days after filing closes. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.06, subd. 5</i>	205A.06, subd. 5	School Districts	Filing
Thursday, July 17, 2008	Thursday, July 17, 2008	School Districts: Send Candidate names, addresses, phone numbers to auditor for School District candidates.	Adm.	School Districts	Filing
Friday, July 18, 2008	Friday, July 18, 2008	School Districts: Last day to notify auditor of Primary - 53 days before primary. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07, subd. 3</i>	205A.07, subd. 3	School Districts	Notice
Friday, July 25, 2008	Friday, July 25, 2008	School Districts: Last day for County Auditor to mail absentee ballot applications to voters on the permanent list and voters on the ongoing absentee list - at least 45 days before the primary. <i>Minn. Stat. §203B.04, subd. 5 & 6; Minn. Rule 8210.0200, subp. 4</i>	203B.04, subd. 5 & 6; 8210.0200, subp. 4	School Districts	AB
Wednesday, August 06, 2008	Wednesday, August 06, 2008	School Districts: Last day for County Auditor to designate location for absentee voting for general election - 90 days before election. <i>Minn. Stat. §203B.081</i>	203B.081	School Districts	AB
Friday, August 08, 2008	Friday, August 08, 2008	School Districts: Last day for School District to conduct a special electon prior to the State Primary Election - not within 30 days of State Primary Election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.05, subd. 1</i>	205A.05, subd. 1	School Districts	Special Elections
Tuesday, August 19, 2008	Tuesday, August 19, 2008	School Districts: Voter pre-registration closes at 5:00 p.m. for voters in the State Primary - 21 days before the primary. <i>Minn. Stat. §201.061</i>	201.061	School Districts	Reg.
Tuesday, August 26, 2008	Tuesday, August 26, 2008	School Districts: Last day to publish first of two notices of primary - 2 weeks before primary. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07, subd. 1</i>	205A.07, subd. 1	School Districts	Notice

Friday, August 29, 2008	Friday, August 29, 2008	School Districts: Last day to post notice of primary election - 10 days before election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07, subd. 1</i>	205A.07, subd. 1	School Districts	Notice
Friday, August 29, 2008	Friday, August 29, 2008	School Districts: Candidate campaign finance reports due - 10 days before primary. <i>Minn. Stat. §211A.02</i>	211A.02	School Districts	Filing
Monday, September 01, 2008	Monday, September 01, 2008	Labor Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, September 02, 2008	Tuesday, September 02, 2008	School Districts: Last day to publish second of two notices of school district primary election - 1 week. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07, subd. 1</i>	205A.07, subd. 1	School Districts	Notice
Friday, September 05, 2008	Friday, September 05, 2008	School Districts: Last day to post primary sample ballot in clerk's office - at least 4 days before election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07, subd. 2</i>	205A.07, subd. 2	School Districts	Notice
Tuesday, September 09, 2008	Tuesday, September 09, 2008	STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: School Districts: First Tuesday after the second Monday in September. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.03, subd. 2; §204D.03</i>	205A.03, subd. 2; 204D.03	School Districts	Election Day
Tuesday, September 09, 2008	Tuesday, September 09, 2008	STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: School Districts: No public meetings or school events may be held between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. - on a day that an election is held within the district boundaries. <i>Minn. Stat. §204C.03, subd. 1</i>	204C.03, subd. 1	School Districts	Election Day
Thursday, September 11, 2008	Thursday, September 11, 2008	School Districts: Last day for school district board to canvass results of school district primary - 2 days. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.03, subd. 4</i>	205A.03, subd. 4	School Districts	After the Election
Friday, September 12, 2008	Friday, September 12, 2008	School Districts: Last day to provide written notice of November election to auditor - 53 days before the election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07, subd. 3</i>	205A.07, subd. 3	School Districts	Notice
Friday, September 12, 2008	Tuesday, September 16, 2008	School Districts: Last day for candidate for school district office to request recount in writing - within 5 days of canvass. <i>Minn. Stat. §204C.36; §209.021, subd. 1</i>	204C.36; 209.021, subd. 1	School Districts	After the Election

Monday, October 13, 2008	Monday, October 13, 2008	Columbus Day Holiday: Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Columbus Day shall be a holiday on which no business shall be transacted. Where it is determined that Columbus Day is not a holiday, public business may be conducted. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, October 14, 2008	Tuesday, October 14, 2008	School Districts: Last day to preregister for November General Election - Closes at 5:00 p.m. 21 days before election. <i>Minn. Stat. §201.061</i>	201.061	School Districts	Reg.
Tuesday, October 21, 2008	Tuesday, October 21, 2008	School Districts: Last day to publish first of two notices of election - two weeks published notice. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07</i>	205A.07	School Districts	Notice
Friday, October 24, 2008	Friday, October 24, 2008	School Districts: Must post notice of general election - 10 days before election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07, subd. 1</i>	205A.07, subd. 1	School Districts	Notice
Friday, October 24, 2008	Friday, October 24, 2008	School Districts: Campaign finance reports due - 10 days before the general election. <i>Minn. Stat. §211A.02</i>	211A.02	School Districts	Filing
Tuesday, October 28, 2008	Tuesday, October 28, 2008	School Districts: Last day to publish second notice of election for school district general election - 1 week before the election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07, subd. 1</i>	205A.07, subd. 1	School Districts	Notice
Friday, October 31, 2008	Friday, October 31, 2008	School Districts: Last day to post sample ballot for school district general election - 4 days. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.07, subd. 2</i>	205A.07, subd. 2	School Districts	Notice
Tuesday, November 04, 2008	Tuesday, November 04, 2008	STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: School Districts: First Tuesday after the first Monday in November. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.04; §204D.03</i>	205A.04; 204D.03	School Districts	Election Day
Tuesday, November 04, 2008	Tuesday, November 04, 2008	STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: School Districts: No public meetings or school events may be held between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. - on a day that election is held within the district's boundaries. <i>Minn. Stat. §204C.03, subd. 1</i>	204C.03, subd. 1	School Districts	Election Day

Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Veterans Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Tuesday, November 11, 2008	School Districts: Last day to canvass results of the general election - on or before the seventh day following general election. <i>Minn. Stat. §204C.33, subd. 1; §205.185, subd. 3</i>	204C.33, subd. 1; 205.185, subd. 3	School Districts	After the Election
Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Tuesday, November 11, 2008	School Districts: Last day for candidate to file <i>Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing</i> form - within 7 days of general election. <i>Minn. Stat. §211A.05</i>	211A.05	School Districts	Filing
Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Tuesday, November 18, 2008	School District: Contest period ends. Last day for candidate to request a recount - within 7 days of canvass. <i>Minn. Stat. §204C.36; §209.021, subd. 1</i>	204C.36; 209.021, subd. 1	School Districts	After the Election
Wednesday, November 12, 2008	Wednesday, November 19, 2008	School Districts: First day to issue certificate of election - after the time for contesting election has passed. Clerk issues certificate if: 1) the candidate has filed <i>Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing</i> form - within 7 days of canvass. <i>Minn. Stat. §211A.05, subd. 1</i> ; 2) the losing candidate has not requested a recount. <i>Minn. Stat. §204C.36; §205.185, subd. 3</i> ; and 3) a notice of contest has not been filed. <i>Minn. Stat. §209.021, subd. 1, §205.185, subd. 3</i> - (Certify election results to county auditors, date not specified in law. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.10</i>)	211A.05, subd. 1; 204C.36; 205.185, subd. 3; 209.021, subd.1; 205A.10	School Districts	After the Election
Friday, November 14, 2008	Friday, December 19, 2008	School Districts: Newly elected school district officers file acceptance of office with school clerk within 30 days of receiving certificate of election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.10, subd. 3</i>	205A.10, subd. 3	School Districts	After the Election
Thursday, November 27, 2008	Thursday, November 27, 2008	Thanksgiving Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

Thursday, December 04, 2008	Thursday, December 04, 2008	School Districts: Campaign finance reports due - 30 days after general election. <i>Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	School Districts	Filing
Friday, December 12, 2008	Friday, December 19, 2008	School Districts: Last day for winning candidates to file an acceptance and oath of office with the clerk - within 30 days of issuance of certificate of election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.10, subd. 3</i>	205A.10, subd. 3	School Districts	After the Election
Monday, December 15, 2008	Monday, December 15, 2008	School Districts: First day to hold a special election after the State General Election - Not within 40 days following the State General Election. <i>Minn. Stat. §205A.05, subd. 1</i>	205A.05, subd. 1	School Districts	Special Elections
Thursday, December 25, 2008	Thursday, December 25, 2008	Christmas Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Thursday, January 01, 2009	Thursday, January 01, 2009	New Year's Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Monday, January 05, 2009	Monday, January 05, 2009	School Districts: Terms begin for officers elected at the November General Election - first Monday in January. <i>Minn. Stat. §123B.09</i>	123B.09	School Districts	After the Election
Monday, January 19, 2009	Monday, January 19, 2009	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity. <i>Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Saturday, January 31, 2009	Saturday, January 31, 2009	School Districts: Annual campaign financial reports due - January 31 of each year. <i>Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	School Districts	Filing