

Frequently Asked Questions about Upper Dublin School Board Elections

Q: How do I become a candidate for open seats on the Upper Dublin School Board?

The “Running for Office” page on the Montgomery County website describes the process for becoming a candidate for school board <https://www.montcopa.org/762/Running-for-Office>.

We also recommend consulting this article by the Pennsylvania School Board Association, “How to Run for School Board: A Guide for School Board Candidates in Pennsylvania” for more information:

<https://www.psba.org/advocacy-and-news/resources/run-school-board-guide-school-board-candidates-pennsylvania/>.

Q: What is the purpose of the Upper Dublin Democratic Committee (UDDC) School Board Candidate Search Committee?

The Search Committee will evaluate the applications of individuals who seek the Upper Dublin Democratic Committee (UDDC) endorsement for school board. The Search Committee will review all applications, interview candidates, and make recommendations based on how well candidates meet search criteria. UDDC members will take these recommendations under consideration when making their endorsement decisions.

Q: Who makes up the Search Committee?

The Search Committee is composed of volunteers who represent key constituencies of the Upper Dublin School district, and contribute critical perspectives and skill sets that reflect the rich fabric of our community. Since the Search Committee is advising the Upper Dublin Democratic Committee, all volunteers are also active members of the Democratic party. There are no current or former members of the School Board on the Search Committee.

Q: What is the process for applying for School Board?

Candidates interested in applying for school board and receiving the UDDC nomination, should read the eligibility guidelines provided by Montgomery County and follow the process listed here:

- 1) Indicate interest by emailing the Search Committee for application information UDSBsearch@gmail.com
- 2) January 9, 2019: Application deadline
- 3) Week of January 14, 2019: In-person interview with Search Committee
- 4) Week of January 21, 2019: Candidate forum with the public
- 5) Week of January 28, 2019: Search committee will make recommendations to the UDDC

Q: Why does the Upper Dublin Democratic Committee endorse a slate of candidates for School Board?

Upper Dublin Democratic Committee members are elected by registered Democrats to administer the affairs of the party (such as the candidate nomination process) and to support Democratic candidates, elected officials, and legislation. It is therefore the mandate of the UDDC to vet candidates and endorse a slate of Democratic candidates.

Q: What is the benefit of a UDDC endorsement?

Candidates who receive the UDDC endorsement will be listed on the official Democratic Party sample ballot and will receive the support of the local party via mailers, social media, and volunteer support.

Q: If someone does not receive the UDDC endorsement, can they still run as a Democrat?

Yes, there is no cap on the number of candidates competing in the primary. As long as an individual meets the eligibility requirements set forth by Montgomery County and follows their procedures, they will appear on the ballot. <https://www.montcopa.org/762/Running-for-Office>