

Example School District
Optical Scan Primary
Ballot for August 12,
2025 School District
primary per M.S.
§§204B.36, 204B.37,
275.60, 126C.17, M.R.
8250.1810

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 5:
“...The name or the num-
ber of the appropriate
municipality, school dis-
trict, or special district
may be added directly
under the office types
listed in this subpart.”

M.S. §205A.08, subd. 2 :
“Primary Ballots. The
school district primary
ballot must conform as
far as practicable with
the school district gen-
eral election ballot ex-
cept that no blank spaces
may be provided for
writing in the names of
candidates.”

M.R. 8250.1810, subp.
16: Special elections to
fill a vacancy must be
listed with other offices
of that type but after any
offices for a full term.

M.R. 8250.1810, subp.
10: “Ballot questions
must be printed after of-
fices of the same jurisdic-
tion. Directly after the
office type required in
subpart 2, the following
words must be printed in
upper and lower case and
no smaller than 8-point
type: “To vote for a ques-
tion, fill in the oval next
to the word ‘Yes’ on that
question. To vote against
a question, fill in the oval
next to the word ‘No’ on
that question.” or if a tar-
get shape other than an
oval is used on the ballot,
then the word “oval”
must be replaced with the
applicable target shape
word...”

M.R. 8250.1810, Subp.
10: “...When more than
one question is on the
ballot for a given jurisdic-
tion, each ballot question
must be designated by a
number and must be pre-
ceded by the words...
”School District Ques-
tion”...and the number
assigned to the question
in as large as practicable
but no smaller than 10-
point bold type. The
name and/or number of
the jurisdiction that the
question will represent
may be printed directly
under the heading of the
question...”

Official Ballot

Judge_____

Judge_____

Primary Election Ballot
School District Ballot
School District _____
August 12, 2025

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

School District Offices

Optional: School District Name

School Board Member
(Optional: School District Name)
At Large
Vote for Up to Four

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

School Board Member
District n or At Large
Vote for One

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

Special Election for School Board Member District n
To fill vacancy in term expiring
January 3, 2028
Vote for One

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

School District Questions

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word
“Yes” on that question. To vote against a question, fill in
the oval next to the word “No” on that question.

School District Question 1

The Question Title Must Consist of Ten or Fewer
Words

The body of the question is printed here in upper and
lower case letters, as large as possible, but in no case
smaller than 8 point type. The title must be printed in the
same section as the body of the question to which it re-
fers, and must also be in no smaller than 10 point type.
“Yes” and “No” must be placed directly below and no
smaller than 10-point and bold. School District bond
election where debt service payments are made entirely
from transfers of revenue from the capital fund to the debt
service fund.

Yes

No

School District Question 2

The Question Title Must Consist of Ten or Fewer
Words

When two or more ballot questions occur in a single juris-
diction, be sure to number the questions as above. If the
question is an operating levy referendum question
authorizing a property tax levy or tax rate increase includ-
ing the issuance of debt obligations payable in whole or in
part from property taxes, use the notice below.

Yes

No

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU
ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

School District Question 3

The Question Title Must Consist of Ten or Fewer
Words

When two or more ballot questions occur in a single juris-
diction, be sure to number the questions as above. When
the question is related to the renewal of an existing levy
referendum, use the notice below.

Yes

No

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU
ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX
REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.

Precinct Name

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1:
“...Each ballot must have
printed on it both the name
of the precinct and an elec-
tronically readable precinct
identifier or ballot style
indicator. A ballot style
used in more than one pre-
cinct may have the names
of all precincts in which it
is used printed on the bal-
lot. If multiple ballots
styles are to be used in the
same precinct for precincts
split by school districts,
each ballot style must in-
clude the precinct name
and applicable school dis-
trict number...”

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 10; M.S. §275.60 subd. c: “...The ques-
tion heading and numbers (where applicable) must be shaded
with a screen of at least ten percent. A clerk, county auditor, or
appropriate governing body shall provide a title for each ques-
tion printed on the ballot. The title must not contain more than
ten words and must not be used on the ballot until it has been
approved by the jurisdiction’s legal counsel. The title must be
printed in bold type in as large as practicable but no smaller than
10 point type and must be printed in the same section as the
body of the question to which it refers...”

NOTE: For specific bal-
lot question language
requirements regarding
referendum revenue see
M.S. §126C.17.

M.S. §275.60: “(a)
“Notwithstanding any gen-
eral or special law or any
charter provisions, but sub-
ject to section 126C.17,
subdivision 9, any question
submitted to the voters by
any local governmental sub-
division at a general or spe-
cial election after June 8,
1995, authorizing a property
tax levy or tax rate increase,
including the issuance of
debt obligations payable in
whole or in part from prop-
erty taxes, must include on
the ballot the following no-
tice in boldface type: “**BY
VOTING “YES” ON
THIS BALLOT QUES-
TION, YOU ARE VOT-
ING FOR A PROPERTY
TAX INCREASE.”...**” (c)
“... This section does not
apply to a school district
bond election if the debt
service payments are to be
made entirely form transfers
of revenue from the capital
fund to debt service fund.”

M.S. §126C.17, subd. 9:
“...The Notice required
under section 275.60 may
be modified to read, in cases
of renewing existing levies
at the same amount per pu-
pil as in the previous year:
“**BY VOTING “YES” ON
THIS BALLOT QUES-
TION, YOU ARE VOT-
ING TO EXTEND AN
EXISTING PROPERTY
TAX REFERENDUM
THAT IS SCHEDULED
TO EXPIRE.”** The ballot
may contain a textual por-
tion with the information
required in this subdivision
and a question stating sub-
stantially the following:
“Shall the increase in the
revenue proposed by
(petition to) the board of
....., School District No.
..., be approved?”