

**Winnetka School District 36  
Board of Education**

Criteria for consideration of a new Board member are:

- Conviction to sustain excellence in a child-centered and progressive public education system for the children of Winnetka.
- Commitment to public involvement/community service, particularly to the schools or other child-based activities.
- Dedication to a collaborative, inquiry-based democratic decision making process, which includes community participation and active communication.
- Willingness to contribute to the decision making process and accept and support the will of the majority.
- Experience in making complex decisions and demonstrated courage of convictions.
- Ability to communicate honestly, directly, and effectively both at the board table and within the community.
- Willingness to commit sufficient time and energy to the position.

Additional qualities that would help a new Board member include:

- Perspective of having children that have completed their journey through the Winnetka schools.

Skills for an effective Board member include:

- Capacity to learn and grow as a new team.
- Critical thinker – able and willing to see all sides of an issue.
- Ability to not be unduly influenced by articulate minorities.
- Good listener.
- Approachable.