



2026 District 2 School Board Candidate Written Questions

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1. Why are you running?

I'm running for the Duval County School Board because I'm a proud graduate of Duval County Public Schools, and I want every student to have the opportunity to succeed. As the son of a 30-year DCPS teacher and someone who has worked on education policy in the Florida Legislature, I understand both the classroom and the policy side of public education. I'll work to expand Career and Technical Education, reduce the overreliance on technology in our elementary classrooms, support teachers with competitive pay, and ensure taxpayers have greater transparency in how school dollars are spent. I'll bring a fresh perspective, real policy experience, and a commitment to always put students, parents, and teachers first.

2. What are your qualifications?

My qualifications come from both my personal experience as a student and my professional experience in public policy and workforce development. I spent 12 years as a student in Duval County Public Schools before graduating from Duncan U. Fletcher High School and earning my bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of North Florida. I understand firsthand the opportunities and challenges our schools face. Growing up, my mother raised my siblings and I on a teacher salary, so I have also seen the dedication, challenges, and needs of our teachers from the classroom perspective. Professionally, I have worked on education policy as a Legislative Aide in the Florida House of Representatives, where I gained experience with legislation, state budgeting, and policies impacting students and schools. I have also worked in workforce development, helping students connect with internships and career opportunities in the public policy field. This combination of lived experience, policy knowledge, and commitment to our community gives me the perspective needed to serve effectively on the School Board.

3. What are your priorities?

My priorities are focused on ensuring every student in Duval County has the opportunity to succeed. I want to create stronger classroom-to-career pipelines by

expanding Career and Technical Education opportunities and ensuring students have multiple pathways to success after graduation. I will work to reduce the overreliance on technology in our classrooms, especially for younger students, while ensuring teachers have the tools and support they need to provide effective instruction. Supporting and retaining high-quality teachers is essential, and that means reducing unnecessary burdens, advocating for competitive compensation, and creating a school environment where educators feel valued. I am proud to be endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police and will make school safety a top priority by ensuring our students and teachers have safe, secure, and supportive learning environments.