

School Candidates

Candidate Finance Report Calendar

May 5, 2026 election

Report form C-5 must be filed for each reporting period to disclose all transactions, if any that occurred during the specific reporting period. [MCA 13-37-226\(3\)](#)

Filing Deadline	Reporting Period
March 6, 2026 (60 days prior to school election date)	Date of first contribution through 3/1/2026
March 31, 2026 (35 days prior to school election date)	March 2 through March 26, 2026
April 15 - May 4 (C7 & C7E reporting period)	File form C-7 within 2 business day if a \$470 contribution from a single source is received between 4/15 & 5/4/26 File form C-7E within 2 business days if an expenditure of \$470 or more is made between <i>April 15 and May 4</i>
April 23, 2026 (60 days prior to school election date)	March 27th through April 18, 2026
May 25, 2026 (20 days after school election)	April 20 through May 20, 2026
13-37-206. Exception for certain school districts and certain special districts, MCA	Exception For Certain School Districts And Certain Special Districts
https://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/School%20Finance/Elections/Other%20Information/2026%20Districts%20Required%20to%20Report%20Campaign%20Finance%20Activity.pdf?ver=2026-01-06-154712-967	Link to the left -- 2026 Districts required to report campaign finance activity

(3) In addition to the reports required by subsections (1), (2), and (4), if a candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee participates in a special election, the candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee shall file reports as follows:

- (a) a report on the 60th, 35th, and 12th days preceding the date of the special election; and
- (b) 20 days after the special election.

Reference 13-37-226(1)(e) for additional reporting dates:

- (e) semiannually on the 10th day of March and September, starting in the year following an election in which the candidate participates until the candidate files a closing report as specified in **13-37-228(3)**; and