



**White Hall Magisterial District
School Board Member Application**

*Applications must be received in the office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday,
November 18, 2022.*

Name _____ Amanda Parks _____

Home Address _____ 1440 Birchwood Dr., Crozet, VA 22932 _____

**You must be registered to vote in the White Hall Magisterial District. You can determine this by checking
your voter card or by calling the Voter Registration Office at 434-972-4173.*

Phone __ 814-880-3990 __ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ ajhoops@gmail.com _____

Do you currently have children/grandchildren in ACPS? _____ Yes No

If no, have you had children/grandchildren in ACPS? _____ Yes No

How long have you resided in Albemarle County? _____ 6.5 years _____

Have you ever been appointed to an Albemarle County School Board/Albemarle County
Public Schools Committee/Council? If so, please explain your previous
committee/council work.

I have not previously been appointed to the ACPS Board or Committee.

Please indicate why you are interested in serving on the School Board.

*I believe that this is a critical moment in the future of our schools. The past several years
have presented parents and educators with unprecedented challenges, but challenges
often lead to an opportunity for meaningful policy change. We now have an opportunity
to use the renewed community attention on education to focus on academic excellence.*

*As the parent of a child with dyslexia, I strongly advocate evidence-based curriculum
and teaching in our classrooms. This requires translating research into practice for our
teachers, and even for our parents. We should give parents the tools they need to support
their children's education at home. This partnership between parents and schools
requires both trust and transparency.*

*In my university classroom, I see student after student without the basic skills required to
read complex texts and conduct critical analysis. In the last several years, an increasing
number of students have demonstrated an inability to complete assignments and meet*

deadlines. We need to ensure that our ACPS students are empowered to succeed in higher education and future careers.

If given the opportunity to serve on the ACPS school board, it is my hope that I could serve to work with the community to increase transparency, empower students and parents, and most of all, raise our academic standards to prepare our students for the future.

Please indicate where appropriate, areas of your experience and knowledge:

School Construction Research
 General Construction Education/Curriculum
 Engineering Databases
 Architectural Expertise Budget Analysis
 County Planning Nonprofit and Human Services
 Land Development Public Administration
 Statistics/Demographics Federal Government/Military
 Finance Other
 County Government

Please further explain your experience(s) as indicated in the list above, including any leadership skills, education, and experiences.

I have a doctoral degree in Political Science and have worked within the educational system for most of my adult life. Currently, I am an instructor of political science at the Pennsylvania State University World Campus. Through the years, I have taught in a variety of settings- public and private, secondary and post-secondary, stateside and abroad.

As community members, my husband and I have served as foster parents and as volunteers with international student organizations.

Indicate if you are attaching additional information pertinent to this application.

Attachments are provided
 No attachments were necessary

Signature _____ Date 11/17/2022

Be advised that upon submission, this application and supporting documents becomes a public document and may be published by Albemarle County Public Schools.

Return application to:

Jennifer Johnston, Clerk
Albemarle County School Board
401 McIntire Road, Room 345

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Phone: 434-972-4055

Email: jjohnston@k12albemarle.org

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Crozet, VA 22932
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AMANDA PARKS, Ph.D.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

University Instructor – *The Pennsylvania State University World Campus, 2016–present*

- Political Science Course Instructor

University Instructor – *Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2013–2015*

- Political Science Course Instructor

Graduate Assistant at the Center for American Political Responsiveness – *Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2014–2016*

Teaching Assistant – *Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2010–2011*

- Political Science Course Assistant

Research Assistant – *Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2009–2013*

- Research Assistant for NSF funded political science projects

History Teacher– *The West Nairobi School, Nairobi, Kenya, 2007–2008*

- High School and Middle School Teacher

ESL Teacher– *The Bowling Green Language Institute, Bowling Green, OH, 2008*

- ESL Instructor

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science – *The Pennsylvania State University, University Park PA, 2016*

M.S. in Political Science – *The Pennsylvania State University, University Park PA, 2012*

B.S. in Journalism – *Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, 2007*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Foster Parent
- Liberal Arts Alumni Mentor
- Global Connections Volunteer