

STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION AND PRE-REGISTRATION

The Board of Education encourages student voter registration and pre-registration and believes that getting young people involved in the election process helps to secure the future of democracy by preparing young people to be educated, engaged voters and life-long participants in the democratic process. Further, in supporting student voter registration, the District hopes to foster a habit of voting and contributing to civic life in its students.

In accordance with the law, and in an effort to promote student voter registration, the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools and designee(s) thereof to offer all students who are at least sixteen (16) years old, and will not turn eighteen (18) years old by the next election, opportunities to pre-register to vote. Students who pre-register to vote will be automatically registered upon reaching the age of eligibility, following verification of qualifications and address. Students who are or will be at least eighteen (18) years old by the next election will be offered opportunities to register to vote. These students must be otherwise qualified to register to vote.

The District will provide students with access to voter registration and pre-registration applications during the school year, and assistance with filing such applications. The District will also inform students of the state requirements for voter registration and pre-registration. The District will meet these obligations by providing information and/or supports such as, but not limited to:

1. posting information regarding voter registration and pre-registration on the District's website;
2. offering registration and pre-registration materials through United States History, Participation in Government/Economics, or other required classes at different times during the year;
3. displaying voter registration and pre-registration posters in school offices;
4. ensuring voter registration and pre-registration applications are available in school offices;
5. hosting voter registration and pre-registration events throughout the year; and/or
6. collaborating with local organizations to promote voter registration and pre-registration.

Students who do not wish to register or pre-register shall not be obligated to do so. Completion and submission of voter registration or pre-registration forms shall not be a course requirement or graded assignment for students and there will be no penalty (including participation grades or credits) for choosing not to register or pre-register.

The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to establish any regulations, procedures, and/or practices necessary to implement this policy.

Ref: Election Law §5-507

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