

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS

The Board of Education 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 who have formed the habit of voting and contributing to civic life early.

In an effort to promote student voter registration, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or her/his designee to offer all students who are at least 16 years old (but will not be 18 years old by the next election) the opportunity to register. These students must be otherwise qualified to register to vote. These pre-registrations, upon receipt by the Rockland County Board of Elections, will be automatically registered upon reaching the age of eligibility following verification of the person's qualifications and address.

The District promotes student voter registration and pre-registration through means such as:

1. Collaboration with the Rockland County Board of Elections to conduct voter registration and pre-registration in District high schools; and
2. Encouraging voter registration and pre-registration through the student government association, government/civics classes and/or at various student events throughout the year.

Students who participate in voter registration through the District shall not be influenced or advised of any political party affiliation by any staff member of the District.

The completion and submission of voter registration or pre-registration forms is voluntary. Registration/Pre-Registration will not be a course requirement or graded assignment. There will be no penalty (including participation grades or credits) for choosing not to do so.

Ref: Election Law § 5-507

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