

## **VOTER REGISTRATION AND PRE-REGISTRATION OF 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 directs the superintendent, building principals or other designees 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. Students who have pre-registered to vote will be automatically registered upon reaching the age of eligibility following verification of the person's qualifications and address, provided the student has returned the appropriate forms to the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

The district will promote student voter registration and pre-registration by offering registration materials and assistance with filing such materials in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade social studies classes during the months of October and June. Voter registration forms will also be available for students in the Main Office of the High School throughout the school year. Students who do not wish to pre-register to vote do not have to do so but will be advised of the requirements for voter registration. Completion and submission of voter registration or pre-registration forms will not be a course requirement or graded assignment for students.

Ref: Election Law §5-507

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