

Students

Student Voter Registration

The Board of Education recognizes that civic education, community engagement, and participation in the democratic process are important components of a student's education. The Board also regards the right to vote as one of the most important rights of citizenship in a democratic country. The Board holds as a high priority the important role of all staff members in informing students of the importance of registering to vote and assisting students in this process.

The Board of Education acknowledges the California Secretary of State's encouragement for school districts to participate in voter registration activities.

"It is the intent of the Legislature that every eligible high school and college student receive a meaningful opportunity to apply to register to vote. It is also the intent of the Legislature that every school does all in its power to ensure that students are provided the opportunity and means to apply to register to vote." (California Elections Code 2146).

Consistent with state law, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each district high school provides eligible students with meaningful opportunities to obtain information regarding voter registration and voter pre-registration, including eligibility requirements and access to the California Secretary of State's online voter registration system. The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations as necessary to implement this policy.

The District may collaborate with the Orange County Registrar of Voters, the California Secretary of State, and other nonpartisan governmental agencies to provide voter education, voter registration, voter pre-registration, and civic engagement opportunities for students.

The Superintendent or designee may incorporate voter education and civic participation into existing instructional programs in a manner consistent with state curriculum requirements and district educational goals.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

25540-25546 Civic Education and Civic Engagement Programs

49040-49041 High School Voter Education Weeks; High School Voter Outreach Coordinators

51220 Course of Study Requirements

51225.3 High School Graduation Requirements

ELECTIONS CODE

2000 Persons Entitled to Vote; Pre-registration

2101 Definitions

2102 Eligibility to Register

2145-2148 Student Voter Registration Act of 2003

2150-2159 Affidavits of Registration

2196 Pre-registration of Eligible 16- and 17-Year-Old Citizens

GOVERNMENT CODE

8314 Use of Public Resources

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