

# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Young Minnesotans can get involved even before they are old enough to vote!

## WHO CAN VOTE?

To vote in Minnesota, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, and a resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days. If you had a felony conviction, you can vote if you are not currently incarcerated for the felony offense.

## PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 16- AND 17-YEAR-OLDS

Now, 16- and 17-year-old Minnesotans can submit a voter registration form, and have their registration take effect on their 18th birthday. Minnesota is a national leader in youth engagement, and getting young people to think of themselves as future voters is a big part of that.

## SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE

In Minnesota, people who work at the polling place on Election Day are called *election judges*. 16- and 17-year-old students can work as election judge trainees. You'll take the day off of school, receive training, and be paid for your work. It's a great way to learn about elections and voting, and earn cash at the same time!

## 2026 DATES

### VOTE EARLY

June 26 - Aug. 10

### REGISTER IN ADVANCE

By July 21

### PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, August 11

### VOTE EARLY

Sept. 18 - Nov. 2

### REGISTER IN ADVANCE

By October 13

### ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3

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There are lots of opportunities to get involved and engaged!  
Reach out to [voteroutreach.oss@state.mn.us](mailto:voteroutreach.oss@state.mn.us) for information.

## **RUN A REGISTRATION DRIVE AT YOUR SCHOOL**

Help other students register and pre-register to vote and learn about how to vote early and on Election Day.

## **PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE PROGRAMS**

### **Students Voting Mock Election**

Hundreds of thousands of Minnesota students learn about elections and their voice, and express that voice in their vote.

### **National Voter Registration Day in MN High Schools (NVRD)**

Hundreds of high schools join in this live virtual event celebrating our ability to choose our representatives and shape our community and country.

### **Youth Day at the Capitol (YDAC)**

This annual early March event sees six hundred 8th-12th grade students gather at the State Capitol to learn advocacy skills and then meet with their state representatives.

## **HOST THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A VISIT**

Work with your school to extend an invitation to speak or lead a discussion about Minnesota's election system, civic engagement, or another relevant topic.



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