



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: April 1, 2026
To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools
Route To: High School Principals
From: Dr. Dale G. Caldwell, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State
Dr. Lily Laux, Commissioner of Education
Deadline: May 12, 2026 (voter registration)
June 30, 2026 (districts)

NJ High School Voter Registration Week and 2025-2026 Statement of Assurance for High School Voter Registration

In partnership with the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), the Office of the Secretary of State invites New Jersey high schools to participate in **NJ High School Voter Registration Week**, April 13-19, 2026. This week celebrates youth civic engagement and encourages all eligible 17- and 18-year-olds to register to vote. This event is designed to kick off high school voter registration efforts throughout the months of April and May in anticipation of the May 12, 2026, voter registration deadline for the primary election.

The [High School Voter Registration Law](#) requires administrators to distribute voter registration materials, a summary of voter registration eligibility requirements, materials describing the role of a citizen, and materials articulating the importance of voting to all eligible high school students prior to graduation. Each local educational agency is required to submit a [High School Voter Registration Statement of Assurance](#) (SOA) for school year 2025-2026 to their Executive County Superintendent no later than June 30, 2026.

The SOA affirms that the school districts, charter schools, renaissance school projects, nonpublic high schools, and private agencies that provide educational services for high schools by means of public funds have complied with all the requirements of the High School Voter Registration Law. The following is intended to assist districts in fulfilling their responsibilities, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-27.

Districts may employ the following strategies to meet the High School Voter Registration Law:

- Engage student organizations and/or clubs (e.g., Key Club, Student Council) to facilitate student-led voter registration drives. ([The Civics Center](#))
- Host an assembly or offer a voter simulation event.
- Require explicit instruction related to the voter registration law in a course attended by all seniors.
- Create a webpage devoted to voter registration information or conduct a mailing.

The following websites provide information and resources to support student voter registration:

- [NJ Voter Information Portal](#)
- [County Election Officials](#)
- [NJ Center for Civic Education](#)
- [The Civics Center](#)

Lastly, educators are encouraged to utilize the following resources from the New Jersey Department of State's [NJ High School Voter Registration Week website](#).

Contact Information

Please contact your County Office of Education with any questions about the SOA. For questions about NJ High School Voter Registration Week, please contact the New Jersey Department of State at NJDOS@sos.nj.gov or Ashley Woolsey-Greene, NJDOE Social Studies Coordinator, at socialstudies@doe.nj.gov.