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Route To: High School Principals
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High School Voter Registration Law Resources

The New Jersey Department of Education invites New Jersey high schools to participate in the following opportunities to support the administration of New Jersey's [High School Voter Registration Law](#).

The High School Voter Registration Law requires school districts to provide all eligible high school students, prior to graduation, with voter registration materials, a summary of voter registration eligibility requirements, information describing the role and responsibilities of citizens, and materials highlighting the importance of voting. The following resources are intended to assist districts in fulfilling their statutory responsibilities pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-27.

- [National Voter Registration Day](#) (September 16, 2026)
- [National Voter Education Week](#) (October 5–9, 2026)
- [NJ Civics Day](#) (October 27, 2026)

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

- Engage student organizations and clubs, such as Key Club or Student Council, in planning and facilitating student-led voter registration drives. ([The Civics Center](#))
- Host a school assembly, civic engagement event, or voter simulation activity to increase awareness of the electoral process. ([Energizing Young Voters](#))
- Incorporate explicit instruction regarding voter registration and civic participation into a course required for all seniors.
- Develop a webpage dedicated to voter registration resources and civic engagement information or distribute materials through mailings or electronic communications.
- Encourage school-wide participation in the [NJ Mock Election](#) to foster civic learning and establish a pathway to lifelong civic engagement.

The following organizations and websites provide information and support to help administrators and educators inform students about voter registration and civic participation:

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

- [RU Ready Program](#)
- [Energizing Young Voters](#)
- [The Civics Center](#)

Contact Information

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