



Once people start voting, they don't stop. Voting becomes a habit.



E-Vote! 2009 Kids Voting Central Ohio

What schools can do

- Post articles or reminders on your website
- Encourage schools to have student “announcements” about the Kids Voting election
- Include information in letters sent home to parents
- Share information with adults at parent meetings
- Share results with students on November 4th



When will voting take place?

Student voting will take place during school hours in classrooms or library/media centers from Monday, October 19th through Election Day, November 3rd. Results will be posted by 8 am on Wednesday, November 4th.

What candidates & issues will be on the ballot?

Depending on which school district you attend, students will vote on statewide ballot issues; some local issues including school levies; members of city, township or village councils; school board members; city auditors; city attorneys; and some judgeships.

Links to candidate lists and party websites and other useful resources are posted at <http://www.kidsvotingoh.org>

2009 Important Dates

- **Adult Voter Registration Deadline – Monday, October 5th**
- Kids Voting E-Vote Election Days – October 19th – November 3rd
- Ohio General Election - November 3rd



E-Vote! 2009 Top Ten Lists

Why you should vote for School Board members!

10. The school board decides when your spring break will be.
9. The school board decides how many credits you need to graduate.
8. The school board decides where & when the buses run in the district.
7. The school board decides what kind of food is served in the cafeterias.
6. The school board hires & fires all district employees.
5. The school board approves all courses & classes offered in the district.
4. The school board buys any new computers your school gets.
3. The school board decides if there will be a dress code for the district.
2. The school board decides if high school students will get to go out of the building for lunch.

The #1 reason you should vote for School Board members: It is your democratic responsibility & right as a citizen to VOTE!

Why you should vote for City Council members!

10. The city council decides which streets and bridges will be repaired in your town.
9. The city council decides who will pick up the city's trash.
8. The city council decides how many police & fire fighters will be protecting the city.
7. The city council is responsible for making sure that the streets are cleared after storms.
6. The city council decides how much residents pay in taxes.
5. The city council decides how to spend the city's money.
4. The city council passes laws relating to pets (licenses, scooping poop, etc.).
3. The city council decides where there will be skate parks and recreation centers facilities for the city.
2. The city council can decide to ban cell phones and/or texting while driving.

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Who Votes????



Objective(s): Students recognize the importance of participation in our democratic system of electing public officials.

Essential Question(s): What is the importance of voting?
What are the responsibilities of citizenship?

Activity/Instructions:

- 1) Ask students how old do you have to be to vote in Ohio?
- 2) Ask the class to stand up beside their desks.
 - ★ Tell them that they represent all of the people in the U.S. who are eligible to vote.
- 3) Ask 25% of the class to sit down.
 - ★ The students left standing represent the % of the eligible population who are actually registered to vote.
- 4) Ask 50% of the students who are still standing to sit down.
 - ★ The students left standing represent the % of the registered voters who actually vote in major (presidential) elections.
- 5) Approximately 75% of the students are now seated.
 - ★ The students left standing represent the % of young voters who actually vote.
- 6) Ask the students who are still standing to identify their favorite restaurants.
 - ★ List 3 restaurants mentioned on the board.
 - ★ Have the standing students vote on one restaurant.
 - ★ Announce that EVERYONE in the whole school will be eating food from _____ for lunch everyday for the rest of the year.
- 7) Ask the students who are seated what restaurant they would have liked for lunch, but disregard their responses.
 - ★ Announce since they had not voted, their opinion does not matter!
- 8) Explain that 72% of people ages 68-72 vote (your grandparents' age).
 - ★ Do people that age accurately represent your views and concerns? Why? Why not?

- ★ List some of your concerns. List some of your grandparents' concerns. Do they overlap at all?
- ★ What do you think the average age of poll workers is? (72 years old nationwide)
- ★ How many poll workers are needed in your county for each election? (5,000 + or - in Franklin Co.)

**Assessment/
Recognition of
What is Learned/**

Discussion Questions: - The teacher determines the level of learning through writing assignments and discussion questions at the end poll worker experience.

Q: Why did you choose to work at the polls?

Q: How did working at the polls change you?

Q: If you were to write a letter to the editor about voting in America, what would you say that America "needs to know?"

Q: What would you say in a letter to your peers to convince them to work at the polls in the next election?

Standards: Benchmarks Grades 11-12:

Government A: Evaluate, take and defend positions about issues concerning the alignment of the characteristics of American Democracy with realities in the U.S. today.

Government C: Analyze how citizens participate in the election process in the United States.

Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities A: Evaluate various means for citizens to take action on a particular issue.

Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities B: Explain how the exercise of a citizen's rights and responsibilities helps to strengthen a democracy.