



Key Points About Youth at the Booth

- ★ Youth at the Booth is a collaboration between the Franklin County Board of Elections, participating school districts, and Kids Voting Central Ohio.
- ★ All seniors in good standing who are 17 years-old or older and interested in community service/student government/honor society/service clubs are eligible to participate with approval from their school.
- ★ All activities must be executed without partisan bias and without promoting any point of view on a candidate or issue.
- ★ Districts may decide to count this project as a school activity, or an excused absence day.
- ★ **YOUTH AT THE BOOTH STUDENT MUST COMMIT TO WORKING THE ENTIRE DAY ON ELECTION DAY.**
- ★ **All students must attend training.**
- ★ **There is a set number of poll workers required in Franklin county, and Ohio law limits the number of 17-year-old Youth at the Booth students. We don't anticipate having to limit numbers, but please understand that it could happen.**

Students will have an Opportunity to:

- ★ Learn, earn and serve.
- ★ Join a new generation of poll workers.
- ★ Earn \$135 for attending training and working on Election Day (or donate earnings toward a school club or project).
- ★ Obtain a service experience for job resume and college applications.
- ★ Better understand the election and voting process.
- ★ Feel pride for helping the community.
- ★ Help democracy work by making sure every voter can vote.

Student Participation Criteria

- ★ Be a senior in good standing who will represent the school well (17 year-olds ARE eligible and MUST complete Voter Registration Sheet).
- ★ Student MUST provide Social Security Number (for BOE payment purposes only).
- ★ Be a resident of Franklin County and a U.S. citizen.
- ★ Have written parental approval (Form MUST be COMPLETE).
- ★ Have access to reliable transportation and **be willing to work AT ANY FRANKLIN COUNTY Polling location.**
- ★ Attend a required training session (2-1/2 hours)
- ★ Must be willing to work the entire day (5:30 a.m. **until excused**, at least 8:30 p.m.)
- ★ Students who are fluent in Spanish, Russian or Somali may be able to be placed in a location where such language skills would be an asset

Implementation Steps:

Step 1: Obtain Student Permission Forms and Send to KV with Completed Voter Registration Forms:

- ★ Student permission forms are duplicated and given to seniors who are at least 17 years old. These students MUST understand and agree to the commitment of being an official poll worker. By signing this form, students and parents agree that students can be placed in ANY polling location in Franklin County.
- ★ Students must complete a Voter Registration form (see instructions below) that will be returned to the teacher along with their signed permission form. They must attend a 2-1/2 hour training session and work the entire day on Election Day.
- ★ **VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS**
 1. Complete by going to <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/boe/>. The student must then PRINT the form, SIGN it *in ink*, and include it with the parent permission form. **Students who are 17 years old MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM. To do so, Youth at the Booth workers must check “Yes” to the question “Will you be 18 years of age at the next election” even if you will not be 18. (Because you must also indicate your correct birth date in a later section, the age will be recorded correctly at the Board of Elections. However, if you check the box “No”, the form will not let you complete the other questions and print the form.)** Students who submit incomplete forms or forms completed in pencil will not be permitted to work on Election Day. **OR**
 2. Complete in INK a blank Voter Registration form obtained from the teacher.

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE: Proof of Registration should be checked at BOE website - <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/boe/>. Students should indicate their registration by checking “Already Registered” on the Permission Form (a copy of this form is not required).

- ★ The teacher can copy the signed permission forms and submit the original to Kids Voting. Send to KIDS VOTING at the address on the form. (NOTE: Teacher signature is also required).
- ★ This information must be complete to qualify. The information will remain only with the Board of Elections and will not be shared with other parties.

Step 2: Schedule Poll Worker Training Session

- ★ **Students must attend and complete an entire training session.** Training is mandatory!
- ★ Kids Voting will schedule training at your school if you have 20 or more students participating. If there are fewer students, we will notify you of other trainings in the area, as well as the date and time and location for the Saturday training session.
- ★ If the school wishes, students may be given a form (from the school) for obtaining a signature from the Voting Location Manager, indicating that the student fulfilled their duties. (Available on our Website).
- ★ ***Students eligible to vote should plan to vote absentee, since they will be at the polls all day on Election Day and may not be assigned to the same precinct where they would vote.***

Step 3: On Election Day, Students Who Work at the Polls Must:

- ★ Work all day from 5:30 a.m. **until excused, at least 8:30 pm.** on Election Day.
- ★ Bring the Franklin County Board of Elections Work Assignment Card with them to the polls!
- ★ Act in a nonpartisan manner (no political buttons, badges, pencils or t-shirts).
- ★ Dress in an appropriate manner, no low riders, ultra short skirts, or sweats, no sandals or flip flops. A *Youth at the Booth* T-Shirt will be provided.
- ★ Fully participate as precinct officials. Students will have the same duties as other poll workers.
- ★ Bring lunch, dinner and/or snacks as well as a beverage. Bring reading materials, no cell phones or ipods.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, call the KIDS VOTING OFFICE AT 614/224-3555 or send an email to DeborahSKoch@gmail.com. Forms are available at: www.kidsvotingOH.org