

# HELP STUDENTS MAKE A VOTING PLAN

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Students are most likely to turnout to vote if they make a plan. Host events with volunteers helping students make a voting plan a few weeks ahead of time.

Use our [state student voter guides \(www.campusvoteproject.org/studentguides\)](http://www.campusvoteproject.org/studentguides) to help students plan HOW, WHEN, and WHERE to vote.

## HOW:

Help students decide whether to vote by absentee or mail-in, early, or in-person.

- Remind students they have the option to vote with their school or home address.
  - If they are using their home address, make sure they plan ahead so they can vote absentee or by mail.
- Spread the word if voters need to show ID to vote and if so the different forms of acceptable voter ID on your school website, campus-wide emails, and at all your events.
  - If possible in your state, work with school administrators and local elections officials (LEOs) far in advance of Election Day to make sure student IDs contain all the necessary components so students can use them when voting.
  - Check with LEOs to see if there are ways schools can provide other forms of voter ID to students such as zero balance utility bills or housing rosters for address verification.
  - Arrange a “Get ID” day with transportation to the DMV or other ID office and make sure to mention required underlying documents like a birth certificate or social security card.

## WHEN:

Help students decide when they will vote—whether that is between classes on Election Day, during the operating hours of an early voting location, or a few weeks prior to the election by mail.

## WHERE:

If students are voting in person, help students find their polling location using these a polling place locator like [Vote.org \(www.vote.org/polling-place-locator\)](http://www.vote.org/polling-place-locator) or your state or local election officials website.

The most important part for in-person voters is how they will get to their polling place. Help students consider if their polling place is within walking distance, on-campus, or if they need to use public transportation.

- You can help students get to their polling location by working with administrators, faculty, student organizations, and municipality/city to organize free transportation for students.
  - See if your school will provide free shuttles to polling places.
  - Contact your municipality to find out if they offer free transportation for voters.
  - Organize volunteer carpools to nearby precincts.

## **TIPS:**

- Have students write down their voting plans on postcards you can send back to them around Election Day. [Campus Vote Project has examples you can use.](#)
- Work with LEOs, college administrators, and faculty to start a student poll worker program—especially if you have an on-campus polling location!
- Student poll workers can create a friendly and welcoming voting environment to young voters and students may get paid or receive course credit for their work.
- Training to become a poll worker is rewarding. LEOs can help you bring training sessions to a location on your campus at a time convenient for students.
- There are other ways students can volunteer— GOTV efforts, as a poll watcher, etc.
- It is best to make your Election Day plan as early as possible so you don't miss crucial deadlines!