

Voter Registration for High School Students

The right to vote is afforded to every citizen of the United States of America. The New Jersey Department of Education mandates that the board of education of each school district provide voter registration information to their eligible high school students. N.J.S.A. 18A:36-27 states that districts must provide a voter registration form, a summary of voter registration eligibility requirements, and materials describing the role of a citizen and the importance of voting to high school students prior to the graduation date for each school year.

Being a citizen means you have the right to work in the country where you live and the ability to participate in political activity. If you were born in the United States, you are a U.S. citizen. If your parents are U.S. citizens, but you were born in another country, you are also a U.S. citizen. Citizens have certain freedoms and rights of the country in which they were born like the right to vote and run for a political office. Citizens pay taxes and defend their country in times of peace and war.

Voting is important to all citizens. If you want to make a difference in the world and have your voice count, you must vote. In order to exercise your right to vote you must be registered. High school students who are at least 18 years old can register to vote. Once you are a registered voter, you can vote in state and local elections.

Students can still register at the Gloucester County Board of Elections office where you will need to show a photo ID and proof of address for the next election. You can also register at the local Division of Motor Vehicles or the public library. If you are not a registered voter, you can do it at any time. Just click on the links below to fill out your voter registration form online and read the voters bill of rights. The registration form must be printed out and mailed, or hand delivered to a local voter registration facility near you. If you have questions, you can call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6836).

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/index.html>

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information.html#vrf>

You are important. Your vote is important. Register today!

Thank you,

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