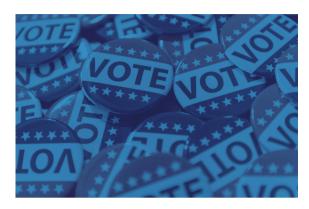


## **VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE**

PTAs are encouraged to promote civic engagement and conduct voter registration drives.

This is a nonpartisan activity, and is okay to do on school district property with the necessary approvals.



You can promote voter registration by having registration forms and/or a QR code that links to <a href="registertovote.ca.gov">registertovote.ca.gov</a> available at the information desk in your school office, at back-to-school and open house events, and at your PTA meetings. Registration forms are available in many languages from your county registrar of voters. Be sure to obtain forms in the languages commonly spoken in your community.

Remember that in California, 16- and 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the next election can register to vote, so be sure to have voter registration opportunities available for your high school students, too! You can even work with teachers to conduct a voter registration drive specifically for high school students.

## Planning a voter registration drive:

- Do the bulk of your registration activities well before major elections.
- Contact your local county elections office:
  - o Obtain important deadlines and post them at school, in newsletters, on websites and social media etc.
  - Ask if they will train people to register voters.
  - Request all necessary materials.
- Select times and venues where there will be a high volume of people such as school arts presentations, sporting events, or at a Candidates' Forum.
- Complete the required Facilities Use Forms when using any school facility.
- If the county elections office does not provide training, please refer to the California Secretary of State website (see link, below) as there are very specific rules for registering voters.
- Plan to turn in completed voter registration forms as instructed.

## Voter registration can also be an ongoing activity:

- Combine voter registration opportunities with other PTA activities.
- Encourage voters to update their registration if they have moved.
- Include a voter registration form in new-parent packets.
- Plan an event for National Voter Registration Day September 17, 2024.





Check out the California Secretary of State's excellent 2024 "Guide to Voter Registration Drives."



