

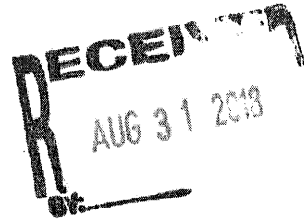


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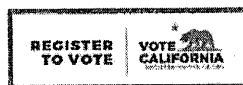
TO: School Administrator
FROM: Voter Education and Outreach Services
RE: Student Voter Registration (*Response requested by September 7, 2018*)



The Student Voter Registration Act of 2003 (Elections Code sections 2145-2148) was implemented to ensure every school in California does all in its power to provide a meaningful opportunity to eligible high school students to register to vote. In addition, each school must designate a staff coordinator and provide the name and contact information to the Secretary of State. Designated contact persons may request voter registration cards in order to facilitate distribution to all eligible students. High schools can comply with this law by placing voter registration cards in orientation packets, making them available in common areas, or by distributing them to graduates. Remember, California now allows 16- and 17-year olds to pre-register to vote. Their registration will automatically become active once they turn 18.

In an effort to ensure your high school maintains a sufficient stock of voter registration cards and to ensure we have your school's current coordinator information on file, we are requesting each high school complete and return the attached form to our office by **September 7, 2018**. You may order as many voter registration cards as your school needs, free of charge, from the Secretary of State's Office. Voter registration cards are available in ten languages which include English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese.

As an alternative to ordering and distributing cards, your school may include a link to California's online voter registration application (RegisterToVote.ca.gov) in any electronic communication and on your school's website in order to offer your students and staff convenient access to voter registration. Simply link to the Secretary of State's online voter registration application by using the Secretary of State's "Register to Vote" button (pictured below). Instructions on adding this button to your website can be found on the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/register-vote-buttons/>.



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Providing voter registration opportunities for your students is just one way you can encourage students to be civically engaged. You can also encourage your students to serve as poll workers, and participate in upcoming voter education opportunities. This year's upcoming voter education opportunities include High School Voter Education Weeks in September, the California Student Mock Election in October, and the statewide General Election in November, where voter registration is strongly encouraged to inspire the future generation to be more civic-minded. For available resources, visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/help-strengthen-our-democracy/> or contact the Secretary of State's Voter Education and Outreach Services Team at (916) 651-3070 or MyVote@sos.ca.gov.