How to prepare for Election Day

★ Complete training with a local election official
★ If of age, cast your ballot in advance or request a mail ballot
★ Arrange transportation to and from your assigned polling place
★ Dress appropriately and comfortably (political attire is prohibited)
★ Bring snacks and beverages to get you through the day
★ Notify your local election office if you need ADA accommodations

2019 & 2020 Election Dates

Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Municipal Primary Election (if needed)

Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Municipal General Election

Tuesday, August 4, 2020
Primary Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
General Election

Program Partners

Kansas Association of School Boards
www.kasb.org

Kansas National Education Association
www.knea.org

Kansas State High School Activities Association
www.kshsaa.org

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The recruitment of poll workers is consistently mentioned as a priority concern with local election officials across Kansas. In a new endeavor, the Secretary of State’s Office has partnered with the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), the Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) and the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) on a renewed effort to encourage high school students to volunteer as poll workers. Rather than placing another mandate on educators, we will work with them to provide students with additional volunteer opportunities while also providing local election officials with the help they need.

All high school students in Kansas are required to take at least three credits of history and government in order to graduate. A good GPA and satisfactory ACT or SAT scores are no longer enough for students seeking entrance to post-secondary education institutions. Increased priority is also being placed on well-rounded students who are civically engaged.

Becoming a poll worker is easy. Individuals can get started by contacting the Secretary of State’s office at 1.800.262.8683 or by emailing election@ks.gov.

Volunteer Requirements

- Must complete training at the local election official office
- Be at least 16 years old
- Registered to vote (if 18 years of age or older)
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Willing to take an oath of office

Program Benefits

- Get paid to volunteer
- Earn community service credit or extra credit for school
- Stand out on college applications and scholarship applications
- Direct involvement in the democratic process

Volunteer Options

- Election hours for full-time positions are approximately 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Election hours for part-time workers are approximately 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- If you are unable to work an entire day, consider taking a part-time shift or split the day with a friend, family member or classmate.

Volunteer Duties

- Provide polling location set-up, opening and closing
- Verify voter identity, providing proper ballots to voters
- Ensure orderly processes at polling places
- Provide assistance to voters

We need YOU!