

Future Voter Registration 2022 for Highline Public Schools

Student Directions

Voting is a critical function of our democracy, yet as of 2018, only 56% of 18- to-24 -year-olds were registered to vote in Washington. In 2018, the Washington State Legislature created the Future Voter program in an effort to increase access to voter registration and recognize the importance of lifelong civic participation. This program boosted participation to nearly 73% in the 2020 elections.

You may choose not to register, may not qualify to vote, or may have already registered to vote.
 No one is allowed to ask you if you registered or force you to register.
 If you meet the qualifications, it is your right, responsibility, and your choice to register.

Today you have a choice of tasks. You may either

1. choose an activity to learn about voter rights and access (Go to “Directions for Choice 1”
OR
2. register to vote. (Go to “Directions for Choice 2”)

Follow the directions below for your chosen task. This task should be completed independently. If you need help or have a question, let your teacher know. Do not ask your peers for help during this time to respect each other’s privacy.

Directions for Choice 1

Option 1

- [Read this timeline \(Spanish Version\)](#)
 Article Summary: Through the decades, the right to vote in U.S. elections has seen massive change and expansion. Read about how the changes happened.
- [Click on various states on this interactive map to read the voting restrictions](#) (scroll about halfway down)
- Independently think about how you might answer these questions
 - o How have national and state voter laws allowed more people to vote?
 - o How have national and state voter laws discouraged or banned people from voting?
 - o How should the nation and/or states change the voting laws in the future? How would this change positively impact the community?

OR

Option 2

- [Watch this video](#) (much of the video is in Spanish with English subtitles)
 Film Summary: Immigrants, particularly Latino immigrants, face many challenges to becoming U.S. citizens: the cost, the difficulty learning English, anti-immigrant sentiment, and more. Immigrants may want to become American citizens for many reasons: the United States is their home, the time is right, they want to benefit their families, with citizenship comes civil and legal rights, with citizenship comes the right to vote and have a voice. The film concludes at the citizenship ceremony where the new citizens testify to why they became so.
- Read this article, [“Here's how 8 young Latino voters view the 2020 US election.” \(Spanish Version\)](#)
- Independently think about how you might answer these questions
 - o How has the pandemic affected these voters’ view of the election?
 - o How does culture and family history shape these voters’ political views?
 - o How are these voters’ priorities similar and different to yours?

Directions for Choice 2

Go to [Future Voters Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information including questions about documentation and qualification to vote.

If you have Washington driver's license or permit number or Washington State identification card number

If you choose to register and have a Washington driver's license or permit number or Washington State identification card number, go to this [site](#) to register online. Read all the directions carefully before submitting the form.

Tips

- Must fill out all the fields – legal full name, date of birth, and residential address (include a separate mailing address if it is different than their residential address)
- Phone number and email are optional
- Must check the box claiming citizenship, and claiming they are at least 16 years old
- Write entire driver's license or WA State Identification number
- Skip change of address

OR

If you have the last four digits of your Social Security number or would rather register by mail

If you choose to register and you only have a Social Security number, you will register with a paper registration form. Let your teacher know you need a paper form, read all the directions carefully, and mail it with a stamp.

If you need to print additional copies or if you would like a form in a different language, go to the [elections webpage](#) and select the language that you know the best.

Tips

- Use legible handwriting with a black or blue pen
- Must fill out all the fields – legal full name, date of birth, and residential address (include a separate mailing address if it is different than their residential address)
- Phone number and email are optional
- Must check the box claiming citizenship, and claiming they are at least 16 years old
- Must write last 4 digits of their Social Security number
- Skip change of address
- Include a signature and full date
- Put a stamp to mail it in