

## Voter Registration

### Sample Presentation 1:

20-25 Students

*(25 minutes/40 minutes if registering students to vote)*

**Note:** A version of this plan has been used successfully by YOUth DECIDE volunteers in multiple high schools. YOUth DECIDE Lead Instructor should communicate with the Classroom Teacher in advance of the lesson to determine what content has already been taught and to learn about the class composition and student learning styles.

### WHO

- Lead YOUth DECIDE Committee Volunteer Instructor or Classroom Teacher (who has been trained by Registrar of Voters or by LWVO Instructor).
- YOUth DECIDE Committee Assistants, trained parent volunteers or classroom aide, who hand out voter registration forms and help students complete them accurately.

### HOW

- Show a short video on History of Voting in the USA (Source: Rock the Vote → [History of voting!](#)).
- Utilize classroom technology and/or bring a thumb drive with video and any slides/PowerPoints to be used in the presentation.
- Engage students in dialog about the importance of their vote. Provide examples of very close elections. Provide reasons to vote.
- Walk the students through the registration process.
- Discuss the difference between Primary and General Elections.
- Provide sources of information about candidates and ballot measures: how to become an informed voter. See [Vote411](#) or [Voter Guide](#)
- Practice using the League of Women Voters Voter Registration and What's on the Ballot guide, [Vote411](#)

## Guide Students on Registering to Vote

- Online: [Register Online](#)  
Alameda County Registrar of Voters (ACROV): “How to Register to Vote Online”.
- Paper: If you would like to register using a paper voter registration application, you can pick one up at your county elections office, library, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, or U.S. post office. It is important that your voter registration application be filled out completely and be postmarked or hand-delivered to your county elections office at least 15 days before the election.

To request a paper voter registration application be mailed to you, call (800) 345-VOTE(8683) or email [Elections Division staff](#).  
[How to Fill Out a California Voter Registration Card \(PDF\)](#)

### Note:

- Additional instruction may be needed if a student does not have a Driver’s License, State ID or last 4 digits of Social Security Number (SSN). If this information is missing from the specified section of the Voter Registration Form, submit the registration form to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, who will contact the student for further information. Phone number or email will expedite the process.
- Students who “Decline to State” a party have to ask for a Party Ballot when voting in a Presidential Primary Election.
- Ineligible students can complete a ballot as a practice exercise and take it home or turn in to the teacher, or they can take the blank registration form home to give to an eligible family member or friend.
- Discuss the process to vote using home address or voting at college.

End of Sample Presentation # 1.

