

TIPS FOR ENGAGING STUDENTS IN VOTING & CIVICS

Young people across the country engaged in the election of 2020 at unprecedented levels. Carrying forward this momentum forward and continuing to support young voters, takes engagement at all levels.

Normalizing a culture of voting and civic engagement helps model and demonstrate the habit of voting for students. This can be uplifted in the classroom in many ways, from having an informal conversation to running a voting simulation this guide provides Maine specific resources to support faculty.

RESOURCES:



5mins for Democracy Powerpoint

Description: This powerpoint is packed full of resources about voting here in Maine. It's the step by step instructions and most frequently asked questions about voting. Use this to start a conversation or to simply ensure that your students understand how to vote.

Link: https://bit.ly/3wrliM4



Maine Student Voting Videos

Want to share the perspective and voices of other young people in Maine. This folder contains 12 videos of young people talking about how to vote, the logistics of voting, and speaking on topics that inspire them to vote.

Link: https://bit.ly/3dTqcMn



Votes and Ballots



Facilitator's Guide



Simulation Resources & Instructions

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The Curricular Edition of Votes & Ballots (V&B) offers educators a collaborative simulation game that exposes students to campaign and election research, while familiarizing them with resource constraints campaigns can face. While many simulations place students in professional, partisan campaign roles, V&B tasks students with playing versions of themselves: students running a campus-wide, nonpartisan campaign to register, educate, and turn out student voters. Participants draw on a combination of:

- 1. Best practices for youth engagement.
- 2. Data on youth voting.
- 3. Their own knowledge of a particular campus environment to craft a successful voter mobilization drive.

Link: <u>https://bit.ly/3TkIWVw</u>

Facilitator's Guide: <u>https://bit.ly/3Kilfl1</u> Simulation Resources & Instructions: <u>https://bit.ly/3coNd9t</u>

Looking for more? This spreadsheet is PACKED full of resources from lesson plans to research to videos about voter education and engagement in the classroom.

Link: <u>https://bit.ly/3RbOXSg</u>

Want to join a community of other faculty who are supporting their students in engaging in civics? Join the Faculty Network for Student Voting Rights — Scholars Strategy Network.

Link: FacultyForVotingRights.org

Looking for speakers to come to your classroom? Or want to talk with someone about subject specific ways to integrate your curriculum with what's happening in Maine statehouse or local government? Reach out to Allyson Gardner at: <u>allyson@mainestudentsvote.org</u>.



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