



Teachers –

Thank you for participating in our inaugural Virtual National Voter Registration Day event by registering your high school students to vote. We have created this guide to answer any questions you may have. If you have any issues or further questions, please contact Katie Fults at (850)689-5600.

- What ages can register to vote in Florida?

Students can pre-register beginning at 16. This means their voter status will not be active until they are 18, but they will have a voter record created in the state system.

- What do my students need to register?

A Florida state-issued ID, Learner's Permit, or Driver's License is needed to register in the state of Florida. The Learner's Permit and Driver's License number are the same, so they will not need to re-register once they receive a Driver's License. If they do not have a Florida ID, they can use the last four (4) digits of their social security number on Line 5.

- What if a student does not have any of these items required?

If a student filling out the paper cannot complete the form with all of the required information, Lines 1 – 7, please do not return the form to our office until it is completed. If an incomplete form is turned into our office, that person is not pre-registered or registered until they are able to complete the information.

- What if a student lives in another Florida county?

That's fine! Florida has a statewide voter registration system and any forms we receive from other counties will be sent to that county. Likewise, if a student moves to another county before their registration is active at 18, they will still be in the state system as a pre-registered voter.

- What is the difference between voting Absentee and Vote-by-Mail?

In the state of Florida, Absentee and Vote-by-Mail are the same. In 2016, the Florida Legislature changed the name of Absentee Voting to Vote-by-Mail as Florida is a no-excuse state and they wanted to remove the implication that you had to be absent to vote by mail. Anyone registering during this event (18 only, does not apply to pre-registered voters) who wants to request a mail ballot will need to wait a few days for their application to be processed. Once the application is processed, they can request a Vote-by-Mail ballot through our website or by calling our office at (850)689-5600 for the Crestview office or (850)651-7272 for the Shalimar office.

We are glad you have chosen to register, or pre-register, to vote today! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you!