

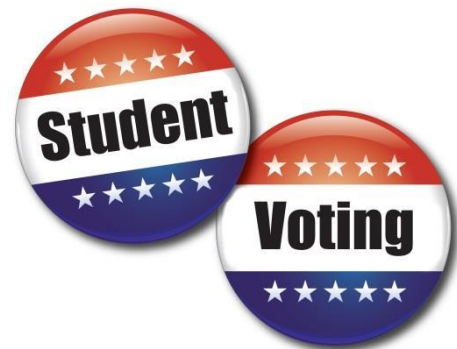
GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE IN HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION



- Who:** Virginia High Schools
- What:** High schools across the Commonwealth will have the opportunity to compete to register the highest percentage of their voting-age population. Schools that reach or exceed 65 percent will receive a congratulatory banner from the Governor to hang in their school.
- When:** September 27, 2016 through April 24, 2017
- Why:** To promote civics education and civic responsibility. When young people register and vote they are more likely to become lifelong voters.

The Contest:

- To register your high schools to participate in the Governor's Challenge please visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VDOE_Governors_Challenge_Reg.
- Each participating school will be assigned a **school-specific URL** from the Department of Elections. This portal should be used for all of your student voter registrations. Your school portal information (URL) will be sent via email to the contact person listed on your school registration form.
- The Departments of Education and Elections will be able to track the number of student registrations received via your school specific URL.
- If your students register to vote using paper applications, you will need to deliver them to your local general registrar and tell them that they came from your specific school. These registrations will then be included in the numbers tabulated by the Department of Elections.



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Who Is Eligible:

- Students must be 18 years-old to register to vote.
- 17 year-old students who will be 18 years-old by the next general election may register in advance of that election and may also vote in any intervening primary or special election.
- **For the purposes of this contest, the voting age population consists of any student that will be 18 years of age by the end of the contest (April 24, 2017).**

Resources:

- We encourage your school to partner with one of our non-profit and non-partisan voter registration partners to conduct your student voter registration. Information about these partners is available here: <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/high-school/index.html>.
- If you plan on holding a voter registration drive at your school, you will need to complete the Department of Elections' online third-party voter registration training. The training can be accessed at the following link and can be completed in less than 15 minutes: <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/training-video.html>.
- Qualifications to register to vote in Virginia can be found at <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register/index.html>.

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