

2011 Mock Election

Voters' Guide for grades K-5

Students will read the information below and then vote on measures A, B and C.

A **measure** is an idea for a new law. Voters gather signatures from people who agree the idea for a new law should be voted on. This process is called an **initiative**. If there are enough signatures, the measure appears on the **ballot** during the next **election**.

We have to think carefully about what laws we want passed and how a new law will affect us. Luckily, we can tell the state how we feel by voting. Choose wisely!

Vocabulary

measure: an idea for a new law proposed by voters

initiative: a process that allows voters to propose legislation by petition

ballot: a piece of paper used to cast a vote

election: the process of choosing somebody for public office or a course of action by vote

A Initiative Measure

Should schools require students to wear uniforms?

Initiative Measure A concerns school uniforms.

This measure would require all students, grades K through 12, to wear uniforms at school.

B Initiative Measure

Should it be legal for students to bring their pets to school?

Initiative Measure B concerns pets at school.

This measure would make it legal for students to bring their pets to school as long as the pet is no larger than the student and the student can show proof that the pet has completed obedience training.

C Initiative Measure

Should schools take two week breaks every three months instead of a two month summer break?

Initiative Measure C concerns school vacations.

This measure would extend the school year from 9 months to 12 months. School breaks would be every three months for two weeks, instead of a two month break at the end of the school year.