



Civic Engagement in Your Classroom



★★★ Student Mock ELECTION ★★★

Opens every October!

- Students vote on real ballot measures and real candidates, just like they will when they turn 18.
- Participants learn about the unique vote-by-mail elections process used in our state.
- Non-partisan and free to all public, private, tribal, and homeschool K-12 students.
- No pre-registration needed.

Free resources for educators:

- "I Voted" stickers for your students.
- Teacher toolkit includes print-friendly Voters' Pamphlet, *Teaching Elections in Washington State* curriculum guide, posters, and coloring sheet.

Visit sos.wa.gov/mockelection or email Just4You@sos.wa.gov for information and to request resource materials.

Want to be notified of the next Student Mock Election?

Scan with your smartphone camera to sign up.



Future Voter Program

We come to you, helping to prepare future voters at your school.

Elections staff can visit your school in person or virtually to discuss:

- The importance of civic engagement.
- How elections work and why we vote.
- How to register and vote.
- What it means to be an informed voter.
- How to register voters and conduct a voter registration drive.

Visit sos.wa.gov/civics or contact Katrina.Osborn@sos.wa.gov, 360-725-5791.

#FutureVoter

Temperance and Good Citizenship Day, every January

- Fulfills statewide requirement for high school social studies, civics, and history teachers to coordinate voter registration events.
- 16- and 17- year-olds can sign up as Future Voters and will be registered to vote when they turn 18.

Free resource for educators:

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Office of the Secretary of State
Elections Division

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Website

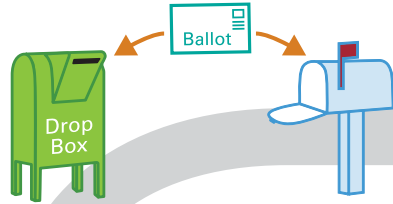
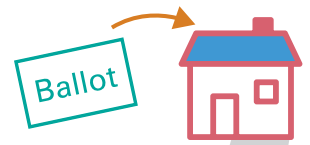
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Vote By Mail in Washington state

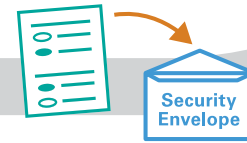
All eligible voters are sent a ballot at least 18 days before election.



Ballot has pre-paid postage and can be returned by U.S. mail or placed in an official ballot drop box. If mailed, must be postmarked by election day. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on election day.



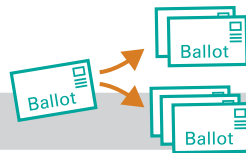
The security envelope or sleeve is put in a return envelope and signed. Voter may add email or phone number in case county needs to contact them.



Voter places marked ballot into a security envelope or sleeve.



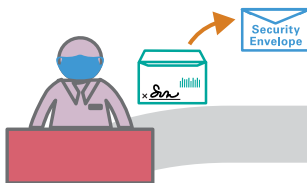
Drop boxes are regularly emptied by teams of trained election staff. Ballots are tracked from collection through processing.



At processing facility ballots are sorted into batches. An image of the voter's signature is captured for verification.



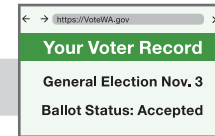
Signature is checked against voter registration record. Voter is contacted by available means before processing to "cure" signature if it is missing or doesn't match the voter registration record.



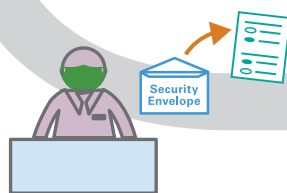
Return envelope is opened and security envelope or sleeve is removed.



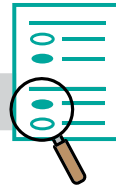
Voters can check their ballot status online. Allow 3-4 days for the system to post status updates.



When signature is verified, ballot is marked as "Accepted" in the VoteWA system and the voter is credited for participating, ensuring that if more than one ballot is returned, only one is counted.



Security envelope or sleeve is opened and ballot is removed for processing, resulting in secrecy of the vote.

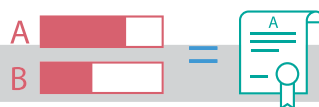


Ballot is reviewed for potential scanning issues like torn corners, then scanned and securely stored.

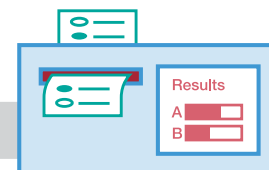


Scanners are not connected to any form of network or internet.

The election is complete, and preparations for the next election cycle begin.



Ballots continue to be processed, cured, and tabulated until certification.



At 8 p.m. on election night, ballots that have already been scanned are tabulated and results reported.

Official Mock Election Ballot
November 2, 2021



**Student Mock
ELECTION**

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Instructions to voters: Fill in the oval next to your choice. Vote like this:

If you make a mistake: Draw a line through the mistake like this: ~~George Washington~~

You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.

Precinct _____

Advisory Vote No. 36

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1477

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention tax on telephone lines, costing \$432,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- ☐ Repealed (you do not favor the tax increase)
- ☐ Maintained (you favor the tax increase)

Advisory Vote No. 38

Second Substitute Senate Bill 5315

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a tax on captive insurers in the amount of 2% of premiums from owners/affiliates, costing \$53,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- ☐ Repealed (you do not favor the tax increase)
- ☐ Maintained (you favor the tax increase)

Advisory Vote No. 37

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5096

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a 7% tax on capital gains in excess of \$250,000, with exceptions, costing \$5,736,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- ☐ Repealed (you do not favor the tax increase)
- ☐ Maintained (you favor the tax increase)

Choose Your Own

Pick something for the class to vote on:

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Official Mock Election Ballot Tabulation

November 2, 2021



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Election Official (teacher) _____

Tabulator Name _____

Number of Total Voters _____

Advisory Vote No. 36	Result:	Advisory Vote No. 38	Result:
Repealed		Repealed	
Maintained		Maintained	
Advisory Vote No. 37	Result:	Choose Your Own	Result:
Repealed			
Maintained			



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**Student Mock Election
Ends November 2**

2021
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VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Washington State Elections

Color your cover!



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I am pleased to present the 2021 General Election Voters' Pamphlet. We offer this comprehensive guide as a reference to help you find information about the candidates and measures that appear on your ballot.

This general election you will have the opportunity to vote for local officials and measures that could have a significant impact on your community. Yet in order to make your voice heard, you must be registered to vote. Voter registration forms that are mailed or completed online must be received by Oct. 25, and we encourage you to check your registration information today at **VoteWA.gov**. After Oct. 25, you must visit your local elections office or voting center during regular business hours and until 8 p.m. on Election Day to register to vote or update your registration and receive a ballot.

Once you have completed your ballot, be sure to sign the return envelope. This is important, as election officials verify your signature matches the one on your voter registration file before they can count your ballot. Then, send your ballot via U.S. mail — no postage needed. Remember, all ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 2 in order to be counted. The U.S. Postal Service recommends that you mail a week before Election Day. You can also return your ballot using an official ballot drop box anywhere in the state. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. the day of the election. Check **VoteWA.gov** to locate a ballot drop box.

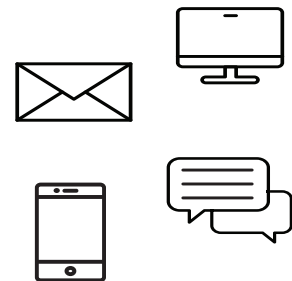
By voting, you are ensuring your voice is heard. Make an impact in your community and our state by voting this fall.

Sincerely,

Kim Wyman
Secretary of State

What does #TrustedInfo mean?

- #TrustedInfo aims to highlight state and local election officials as the credible, verified sources for election information.
- The nation's Secretaries of State, 40 of whom serve as their state's chief election official, along with other state and local election officials are continuously working to inform Americans about the elections process, including voter registration, state election laws, voting, and much more.



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@WashingtonStateElections



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Qualifications

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.

If you're 16 or 17 years old, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.



How do I register to vote?

Online: Register at **VoteWA.gov**

By mail: Request a paper form be mailed to you or print your own at **sos.wa.gov/elections**

No internet access? Call 1 (800) 448-4881.

In person: Visit a county elections office (listed at the end of this pamphlet).

Registration deadlines



By mail or online:

Your application must be received no later than October 25.

In person: Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on November 2.

Check your registration info at **VoteWA.gov**.

Moved? Update your voting address

Contact a county elections office to request a ballot at your new address.



By October 25: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or

By November 2: Visit a local voting center in person.

What if I'm not 18 yet?



If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!

Future Voter

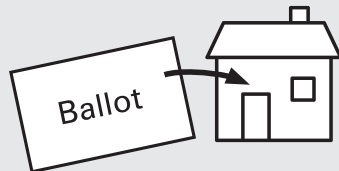
Sign up online at **VoteWA.gov** with your Washington state driver's license or ID. Or you can fill out a paper registration form using the last four digits of your Social Security number and mail it in. You'll be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

Every January on Temperance and Good Citizenship Day, high school students 16 and older have the opportunity to complete a voter registration form in class.

How do I vote and return my ballot?

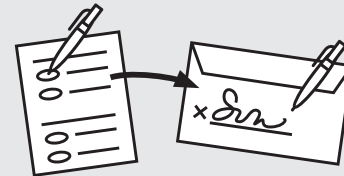
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If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed **October 15** to the address you provide in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



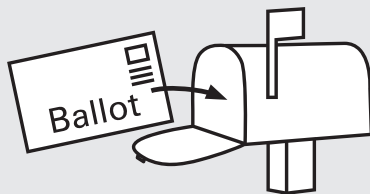
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



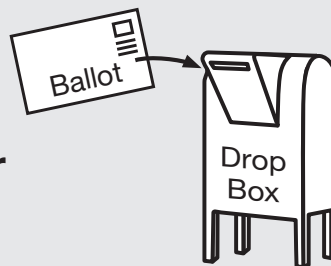
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Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 2**. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



Or

Or, return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on **November 2**. Find drop box locations at **VoteWA.gov**.



If you cannot personally return your ballot, let only people you trust deliver it for you.

4

Check the status of your ballot on **VoteWA.gov** to see if it has been received by your county elections office.



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at **sos.wa.gov/elections**.

Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

When reviewing online or printed information, think about:

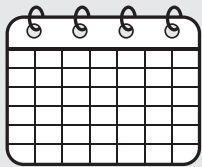
Who made this, and who is it for?

Was it a company, or an individual person? Who is the intended audience?



Why did they make it?

Think about the purpose. Is it to inform, entertain, or persuade?



When was this made?

Is the information relevant today?



What makes it believable?

Is there evidence from a reputable source or expert?

How might other people read this message?

Consider how someone with a different background might interpret it.



Ask the experts

Consult a fact-checking site or ask an official source. Get trusted info from your county auditor or elections office.



i Advisory votes are the result of Initiative 960, approved by voters in 2007. The Office of the Secretary of State publishes the Attorney General's advisory vote description according to RCW 29A.72.283.

You are advising the Legislature if you do or do not favor a tax increase passed during the recent legislative session.

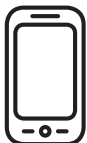
Repeal — means you **don't favor** the tax increase.

Maintain — means you **favor** the tax increase.



**Advisory votes are non-binding.
The results will not change the law.**

Want more info?



Contact your legislator. Their contact information is on the following pages.

View the complete text of each bill at **sos.wa.gov/elections** and view additional cost information at **ofm.wa.gov/ballot**

Advisory Vote No.

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Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1477

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Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 27; Nays, 22; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

House: Yeas, 71; Nays, 25; Absent, 0; Excused, 2

Ten-Year Projection

Provided by the Office of Financial Management

For more information visit www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1477 (E2SHB 1477) – Estimated Cash Receipts											
	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031	2022-31 TOTAL
Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Governor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of State Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA State Health Care Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Revenue	17,900,000	36,100,000	45,700,000	46,100,000	46,600,000	47,000,000	47,500,000	47,900,000	48,400,000	48,900,000	432,100,000
Office of Insurance Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities and Transportation Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Military Department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Social and Health Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dept. of Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Superintendent of Public Instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
University of Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17,900,000	36,100,000	45,700,000	46,100,000	46,600,000	47,000,000	47,500,000	47,900,000	48,400,000	48,900,000	432,100,000

Advisory Vote No.

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This tax increase should be:

☐ Repealed

☐ Maintained

Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

Senate: Yeas, 25; Nays, 24; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

House: Yeas, 52; Nays, 44; Absent, 0; Excused, 2

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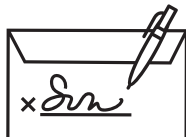
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Administrative Office of the Courts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of State Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of Attorney General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caseload Forecast Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Revenue	0	527,000,000	560,000,000	602,000,000	620,000,000	638,000,000	661,000,000	685,000,000	709,000,000	734,000,000	5,736,000,000
Department of Corrections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	527,000,000	560,000,000	602,000,000	620,000,000	638,000,000	661,000,000	685,000,000	709,000,000	734,000,000	5,736,000,000

Voter tip:

Remember to sign and date your ballot return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot.

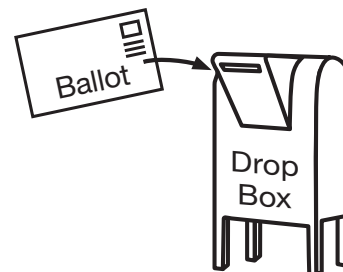


How is my ballot counted?

1

Your county receives your ballot

Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on November 2, Election Day, or return your ballot by mail — postage paid — but make sure it's postmarked by Election Day! Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

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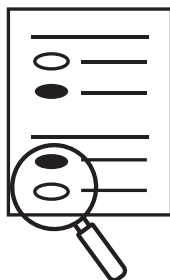
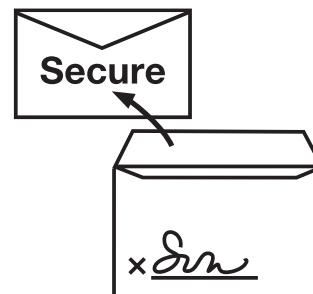
Your signature is verified

We need your signature to accept your ballot. The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, your ballot is accepted and you are credited for voting to ensure **only one** ballot is counted for you.

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Envelopes and sleeves are separated

The return envelope is opened and the security envelope or sleeve containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.



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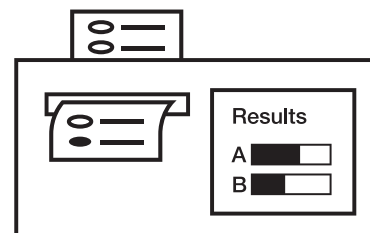
Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The security envelope or sleeve is opened and election staff review your ballot to verify that it can be successfully scanned. Each voting system is certified and tested before every election.

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Your ballot is counted

After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted.

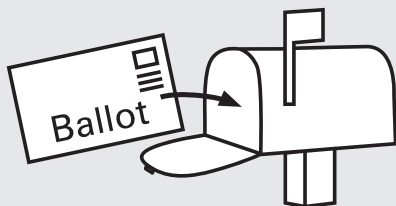


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Vote by mail

Washington votes by mail every election.

We were the second state in the nation to adopt vote by mail and the first to provide all postage paid. A ballot is mailed at least 18 days before each election, ensuring you have time to cast an informed ballot without waiting in line.



2

Online voter registration

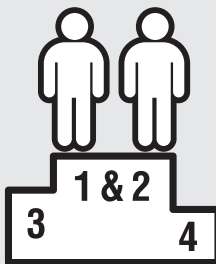
We offer online voter registration. Register to vote or update your address at **VoteWA.gov**



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Top 2 Primary

Washington uses a Top 2 Primary system where the two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary Election advance to the November General Election, regardless of their party preference.



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No party affiliation

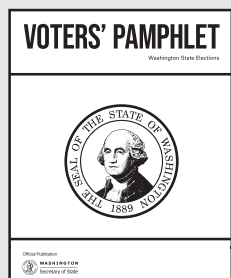


Washington voters do not register by party affiliation. Vote for any candidate regardless of their party preference.

5

Voters' Pamphlet

Only a few states produce a Voters' Pamphlet like this one. The state pamphlet is mailed to every household before each General Election.



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Same day registration



Citizens can register and vote a ballot until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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