



National Student/Parent Mock Election Overview – How it Works

Step One: Register

Groups register for the Mock Election by visiting the National Student Parent Mock Election Web site at www.nationalmockelection.org

Step Two: Vote

There are three different ways to vote. After the teacher or group coordinator registers, they can select the method(s) that best meet the needs of their group.

The three methods of voting are:

Voting online with Individual Voter ID numbers

The system will generate individual student invitation letters that contain directions and a unique voter ID. Once the ballots are set, voting can occur at any time and from any computer that has Internet access. The ID does not identify the student; it simply limits the student to one vote.

Voting through a shared computer (Kiosk)

The system will generate a kiosk code. To set up each shared computer for voting, go to <http://www.nationalmockelection.org> click on VOTE NOW and enter the Kiosk Code when prompted. Each voter will vote one at a time. After the vote has been entered the voter will click on "I'm Done Voting" and the computer will be ready for the next student to vote. All voting with Kiosk ID's should be overseen by a teacher to assure that students don't vote more than once.

Voting using a paper and pencil ballot

The system will dynamically create paper ballots that are then printed and distributed to each student. Once completed, ballots are collected, results tabulated and entered by clicking on "Report Paper Vote Totals" tab located on the group administrator's interface.

Step Three: View Results

You can view your school or district results at any time. Go to <http://www.nationalmockelection.org> and click on "View Results." Log-in with your user name and password to view group results. State and National results will also be available at the National Student/Parent Mock Election Web site.

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Frequently Asked Question – State Coordinators
July, 2008

- 1) **Can we customize our state's ballot?** Yes, but the deadline for making modifications to state ballots is September 19th, 2008 - 5:00pm CT. (Changes after this date will be handled on an exception basis. Please contact NSPME group.) To customize your state ballot, send your customization request via email to help@schoolperceptions.com.
- 2) **How do I view our state's results?** Each state coordinator will receive a password protected account. Through this interface you can view election results "as they roll in."
- 3) **When must I report all results I receive?** You will be given a mutually agreed on time when the majority of your state's votes must be reported to National Election Headquarters. Additional results may be added until the Mock Election polls close, but you must be heard from at your assigned time.

The National Student/Parent Mock Election will accept votes that come in after Mock Election Day until the polls close on Election Day and add them to the state's totals, but the majority of a state's votes must be reported on Mock Election Day.

For some states, all votes collected will be through School Perceptions and a reporting time will not be necessary. To report results, you will push a button on your interface. If you do not post your results by the time they are required, you will receive a call from the staff of the National Student/Parent Mock Election to ask if you need help.

- 4) **What do I do if voters submit ballots directly to me on paper?** Review and validate the vote totals by comparing them to the expected number of votes for the school or organization. The vote totals can then be entered in the on-line system by logging into your account.
- 5) **What are key dates or deadlines that I need to be aware of?**
 - o Practice Voting Available – October 1st, 2008 through October 17th, 2008
 - o Voting Starts October 20th, 2008

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- Mock Election Day – October 30th 2008
- Curriculum materials are available at nationalmockelection.org/curriculum.html
- Ballot customization deadline – September 19th, 2008

6) Where do I direct people for election-night results? Results will be available at <http://www.nationalmockelection.org> as soon as all the states' votes are in.

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