



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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Note: If your questions are not answered in this FAQ document please send them via email to help@schoolperceptions.com.



**National Student/Parent Mock Election
Frequently Asked Question – Educators
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1) How do I register my class or group to vote?

To register your class or organization to vote, follow the steps below:

1. Go to <http://www.nationalmockelection.org> and follow the link for registration.
2. You will be taken to the registration page.
3. Enter your zip code.
4. Choose your school (if available) on the drop-down list.
5. If your school or organization is not on the drop-down list, please choose "Not Listed."
6. If your school is in multiple congressional districts, you will be asked to choose a congressional district for the system to create your ballot.
7. Enter the number of people in your class/school or organization that you expect to vote.
8. Indicate the way you plan to vote (On-line, Kiosk or paper/pencil).

2) Are there different ways students can vote in the National Student/Parent Mock Election?

Yes, 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:

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- 3) **Can we customize our ballots?** Yes. Ballots can be customized for your school/organization. This is done by the person who registered the group by clicking on the "set up" tab, then selecting "customize".
- 4) **Are there any special technical requirements to vote online?** No. All that is needed is a computer with a browser and internet access. If you choose to vote using the paper and pencil method, you will need a printer to print the ballots and internet access and to enter your aggregate results.
- 5) **How many people can vote in my group/class?** The limit to the number of voters in a single group/class or school is 5,000.
- 6) **What if multiple classes or groups in my school want to register separately?** Regardless of the number of groups, vote totals will be automatically aggregated at the school and/or district level.
- 7) **Can I create additional voter codes or ballots after I have registered to vote?** Yes, simply log into your account and repeat the registration process.
- 8) **How can my group/class practice voting prior to the election?** Practice ballots will be available for practice voting after October 1st, 2008. To practice vote, simply log onto your custom election home page at <http://www.nationalmockelection.org> and click on the "PRACTICE VOTE" button. Follow the on-screen votes to practice your voting. (FYI – Ballots may change between the practice vote and the actual Election Day.)

9) What are key dates or deadlines that I need to be aware of?

- Practice Voting Available – October 1st, 2008 through October 17th, 2008
- Voting Starts October 20th, 2008
- Mock Election Day – October 30th 2008
- Curriculum materials are available at nationalmockelection.org/curriculum.html
- Ballot customization deadline – September 19th, 2008

10) Where can I direct my group to view results? School results are available “as they roll in” anytime you log into your account. National results can be viewed after they have been released by the state coordinators at <http://www.nationalmockelection.org>.