



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 – Voters
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- 1) **Does it matter where I vote on-line?** No, all you need is access to the internet and follow the directions on your invitation letter.
- 2) **Is my vote in any way connected to me or my e-mail address?** No, just like in the actual election, there is no way to connect your name or any other personal information with your vote.
- 3) **How do I vote if we are using a Kiosk?** Simply go to the computer that is provided as a Kiosk and click on the "VOTE NOW" button. Make your selections by clicking the circle next to the candidates you choose. When you are done, click on the "I'M DONE VOTING" button. The Kiosk will now be ready for the next voter.
- 4) **Can I vote more than once?** No. Just like an actual election, each voter can vote only once.
- 5) **How do we vote if we have paper ballots?** If you have received a paper ballot, simply select the candidates that you would like to vote for by filling in the circle next to their name. Once you have completed your ballot, give it to the person who registered your group or who provided the ballot to you.
- 6) **When is practice voting available?** Practice voting will be available October 1st through 5:00pm CT on October 17th. The actual voting starts on October 20th.
- 7) **When is Election Day?** Mock Election Day is October 30, 2008.
- 8) **Where can I go for educational materials on voting and the electoral process?** Educational materials provided by the National Student/Parent Mock Election can be found through a link on the following Web site:
<http://www.nationalmockelection/curriculum.org>