Voting Resources

**Voting and Voices Classroom Resources | Learning for Justice**
This curated collection features our best resources for civics education with a focus on elections and voting. The collection includes posters for students of all ages, along with videos, lessons, texts and student tasks for middle school and elementary classrooms.

**Ballotpedia**
Ballotpedia is a nonprofit and nonpartisan online political encyclopedia that covers federal, state, and local politics, elections, and public policy in the United States. The website was founded in 2007. Ballotpedia is sponsored by the Lucy Burns Institute, a nonprofit organization based in Middleton, Wisconsin.

**VOTE411**
Launched by the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) in October of 2006, VOTE411.org is a "one-stop-shop" for election related information. It provides nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state-specific information on many aspects of the election process.

**Voter Resources & Helpful Links | U.S. Election Assistance Commission**
The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The EAC is an independent, bipartisan commission charged with developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, and serving as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration. The EAC also accredits testing laboratories and certifies voting systems, as well as audits the use of HAVA funds.

Caregiver/Parent Resources

**Teaching Kids About Voting and Election Day | PJ Library**
Election Day is a great opportunity to teach kids how voting works and why it’s important for everyone to have a say when it comes to important issues. The books, videos, and activities on this site can help teach your children about the importance of elections, voting, and forming their own opinions, and even of arguing. Yes, arguing.
With just a few weeks until the election and politics all over the news, voter fatigue may have started to set in. It’s at this point many of us are thinking, “I can’t wait until this election is over.” I’m definitely there. But it’s important to remember what’s at the core of all this political ping pong (or maybe dodge ball): our vote. Whether you look at selecting our country’s leaders as a right, privilege, duty, or obligation, it is an opportunity to have our voices heard. It is also a teachable moment for our kids. For tips and resources for teaching your kids (even the youngest of the crew) about citizenship and the importance of being informed and involved, read on.

6 Fun Ways to Teach Children About the Importance of Voting

1. Find out what is most important to them
2. Demonstrate that different opinions are normal
3. Conduct family votes at home
4. Read them children’s books about voting
5. Point out election signs/news around town
6. Encourage your child by voting yourself!

Educator Resources

Raising little citizens: Civics lessons for K-5 kids | TODAY.com

Civic education is a gradual progression. Elementary school civics is more about teaching civility and citizen responsibility than teaching the intricacies of our political system. The middle and high school years are reserved for teaching government structure and the ways that its citizens can take action to form the society they want to live in. For older kids, civics centers around their individuality, shifting the focus to learning how the system works to fulfill an individual’s needs or how they can improve their place in that society.

Civic Learning Resources for Elementary Students | iCivics

All students can be civic learners. For many, the elementary school classroom is the first civic space they encounter as they speak up about fairness and engage in other classroom activities that model democratic processes. Although iCivics’ resources are geared toward middle and high school levels, elementary teachers have found ways to appropriately apply iCivics resources in their classrooms as well. To better guide teachers in introducing civic concepts to students at the elementary level, here are some additional resources from iCivics and beyond: (listed on site).
Tips for Teaching Young Learners About Civic Duty and Community Involvement

Community involvement is essential for fostering smart, driven and successful students. Civic duty initiatives can also boost student morale, making school a more engaging environment. Getting younger students involved in their community starts with a foundational understanding of local, state and federal governments. When students understand the voting and lawmaking process, they’ll better realize their personal role in influencing local and global change.

Recommended Children’s Books & Videos Lists

Featuring Themes of Voting, Community and Civic & Political Engagement
- GO VOTE! Resources for Teaching Kids About Election Day - The Educators’ Spin
- A Kids Book About Voting
- Woke Kindergarten 60 Second Text: Good Troubl
- Woke Kindergarten 60 Second Text: We Keep Us Safe
- Responsibility For Kids | Responsibility in the Community (Part 8)
- V Is for Voting a book by Kate Farrell and Caitlin Kuhwald