

Voter Pre-Registration Project

Sacramento County Youth Commission



What is Pre-registration?

- Pre-registration allows 16 and 17 year olds to register early to vote
- Does not change voting age
- Makes them more likely to vote

The Problem

- 2,300 teenagers had pre-registered at the start of the summer of 2018
- Only about 10% of the eligible teenagers

Our Project

- Conducted research on Elk Grove, San Juan, and Sacramento City Unified School Districts' pre-registration policies
- Had many conversations with school district officials
- Provided basic information and brainstormed with them

Elk Grove Unified School District

- Approved a resolution to recognize High School Voter Education Weeks
- Put information on their district website
- Provided a letter about pre-registration to high school principals to send out, potentially reaching 18,000 students
- Used our PSA video



San Juan Unified School District

- Attended a school board meeting and made a public comment about our project
- Put a page about pre-registration on their district website and prominently feature it on their homepage
- Homepage is visited by 5,500 people on a normal day

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High school students can pre-register to vote



As part of High School Voter Education Weeks from Sept. 17 to 28, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla visited juniors and seniors at El Camino Fundamental High School to share the importance of voting. Padilla and his team also assisted students who were interested in filling out pre-registration forms.

"I want the world to be different when I'm older," said Stephanie Galser, senior at El Camino.

Classmate Cameron French elaborated by saying "it's important for everyone to share their opinions."

Young Californians who are 16 or 17 years of age are encouraged to pre-register to vote. Pre-registration is simple and easy to do online or via a paper application.

To pre-register simply fill out the form online at the Secretary of State's [website](#) or locate your nearest DMV, post office or public library for a physical application.

If students do not have a California driver's license or identification card, they can fill out their information and the website will create a form for them to print, sign and mail. All information will then be sent directly to their county elections office to be placed on record.

Pre-registration allows teens the ability to register themselves to vote and once they turn 18 years old, the registration will become immediately active. This avoids potential problems, such as the inability to vote, as voter registration deadlines are 15 days before any election day.

Pre-registration does not change the voting age, which is 18 years old. It simply gives teens sufficient time to become informed voters. Once 18, a postcard will be sent to their address saying their registration is active. On the next election, voters will automatically receive their election-related materials.

For more information visit the [Secretary of State's website](#).

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Sacramento City Unified School District

- The Board approved a resolution to recognize High School Voter Education Weeks
- We were recognized at their Board meeting



Sacramento City Unified School District

- Pre-registration information was included in their eConnection, which reaches 30,000 people
- Christina Pritchett wanted ideas on how to improve pre-registration at Rosemont High School
- Jay Hansen wanted a meeting with our group
- Student board member Rachel Halbo reached out to us

Civic Engagement Spotlight: Sacramento County Youth Commission on a Mission!



The Sacramento County Youth Commission is collaborating with the Sacramento City, Elk Grove, and San Juan unified school districts to enhance the way they inform and encourage students about voter pre-registration.



The impact is tangible. The Youth Commission reports that through electronic messages, letters, flyers, and helpful links on its website, the Sacramento City Unified School District, for example, will increase its outreach by more than 30,000 people. Elk Grove is improving its outreach by sending information to all of its eligible students, and is using a video the commission made as a PSA.

California law allows 16 and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote. Pre-registration doesn't change the voting age, but it makes teenagers more likely to vote when they become 18. California law also designates the last two weeks of September as High School Voter Education Weeks, when individual schools will

Impact

- 4,613 teens now pre-registered
- County is still processing over 2,400 forms

Sacramento Public Library Outreach

- Currently, Sacramento Public Library branches are...
 - Serving as ballot drop off sites and voter service centers.
 - Hosting discussions to inform adult voters about measures on general election ballots (Let's Talk About: Voting)
 - Curating "Cast Your Vote" book selections

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SPL - Teen Advisory Board Collaboration

- Youth Commission has been coordinating with branch Teen Advisory Board's
 - Organizing teen voter pre-registration awareness events
 - Pre-registration tables on Election Day
 - Forming civic engagement and discussion groups to discuss voting measures on each years' ballot

National Night Out Outreach Event

- SCYC booth handed out pre-registration forms
- Informed community residents about pre-registration

National Night Out Outreach Event - Oak Park



- First outreach event
- SCYC booth handed out forms/flyers
- Informed residents about SCYC and preregistration opportunities

