

My Vote ✓ My Voice

What's Been Happening at Milwaukee Area High Schools?

College and Career Centers

The new College and Career Centers are open at 21 MPS high schools. The LWV is working with the Planning Assistants in each center to set up a permanent "registration corner" in each school where eligible students can register to vote. DIY instructions are provided on a flip board as a guide to the process.

Schedule a Student Voter Advocate Training for students in Your School.

LWV is now offering training to students and staff to assist others in the use the new online voter registration website (MyVote.wi.gov). This is a great opportunity to encourage student civic engagement and to earn service hours. We are currently scheduling training sessions for students in 9-12th grades.

If you or someone in your school would be interested in having the League train an individual student or student group (Student Council, civics class, sports team, etc) on how to assist others in registering to vote using the new online voter registration website, contact us at lwwmc.hsvoter@gmail.com.



National Voter Registration Day a Success! 100 students Registered in One School Day

National Voter Registration Day was celebrated at Riverside University High School by holding a registration event orchestrated by the Student Council and advisor Tom Wild. The Student Council organized the event and implemented the plan. They attended a Student Advocate training session presented by the League of Women Voters before the event.

On National Voter Registration Day, the students visited classrooms throughout the day and invited their peers to register in the school library. Other students remained in the library to assist their peers in navigating the online voter registration website. After registration, each new voter received a brochure, a pledge card, a wallet-sized card with important websites, and a button. League of Women Voters volunteers were on hand to help with any questions and to assist where needed. Librarian Betsy Duxbury assisted throughout the day by printing proof of residence documents for those students who needed them.

Registration Corner in the College and Career Centers - How Does it Work?

Voter Registration Corners include a set of step-by-step instructions on a flip board to guide the student through the MyVote.wi.gov web pages. A reference book accompanies the instructions when more detail is needed. Any student who meets the eligibility requirements can use the website to register. If they are 18 and have a valid and current Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin State ID, they are instantly registered. This takes about 5 minutes.

Students who are 17 but will be 18 by the next election (February 20, 2018) or those without a driver license or ID must provide the last 4 digits of their Social Security number. For these students, a registration application is created on the website which must be printed and mailed or delivered to the City Clerk's office along with a copy of a school record that includes the student's name and address and the school name. Planning Assistants collect the forms, give them post registration information, congratulate the students and give them a button of their choice.

Student Advocate Training

Student Advocate training acquaints the students with the MyVote.wi.gov website. Students learn the requirements for voter registration, how to navigate the site, how to assist those who do not have a driver license or ID or did not bring them to school, and how to assist those who must provide a proof of residence (school record). The training includes the importance of becoming a voter advocate and reminders to be respectful and non-partisan. Students who complete the training are given a Certificate and a Voter Advocate button with a space to write their name. Students are encouraged to participate in voter registration events during the school year. If you would like to hear more about this program, **contact us at lwwmc.hsvoter@gmail.com.**

