



My Vote, My Voice... **Nevada Student Mock Election**

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My Vote, My Voice **2022 Nevada Student Mock Election**



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Dear Educator,

The Office of the Nevada Secretary of State and Department of Education are excited to present the 2022 Nevada Student Mock Election. The goal of this program is to help students better understand the value of voting and how their ideas can be expressed in a democratic society. We invite and encourage you to participate in this year's program.

The attached guide contains step-by-step instructions for educators to register, participate, as well as access educational resources. Registration forms can also be completed and submitted online on the Nevada Student Mock Election [webpage](https://YouthVote.nv.gov). YouthVote.nv.gov [link]

Important dates for this year's program include:

- Tuesday, September 22nd is National Voter Registration Day
- Thursday, November 4th is Mock Election Day

The 2022 program highlights the ballot referenda process and the availability of the "None of These Candidates" selection on Nevada's ballots. This guide may serve as a valuable teaching tool as it includes detailed information about Nevada's election process and regulations. Additional references and resources are available online on the webpage (YouthVote.nv.gov).

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the state program coordinators at MockElection@sos.nv.gov.

We hope you will join us in supporting the 2022 Nevada youth vote program. Thank you in advance for conveying to students the importance of voting and civic engagement in our democratic process.

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Use and Purpose of this Guide

This program and curriculum guide has been developed exclusively for Nevada teachers and students who are interested in participating in the 2022 Nevada Student Mock Election. This user-friendly guide is designed to provide much of the information and resources needed to be successful for participation in the 2022 Nevada Student Mock Election Project. The guidelines established in this guide are intended as recommendations for implementing a successful program. We encourage schools, teachers, and students to be creative in their methods of implementing the proposed activities.

In addition to the overview provided below, we have included several appendices that include lesson plans developed by the Secretary of State and , ideas to incorporate students in the Election Day process, as well as supplemental material on the electoral process in Nevada, the Electoral College and much more.

Goals of the 2022 Nevada Student Mock Election

The purpose of the 2022 Nevada Student Mock Election is to promote the importance of an individual's right to vote and to stimulate enthusiasm for future electoral participation.

The 2022 Nevada Student Mock Election:

- Encourages informed participation in the democratic process among students, parents, teachers, and community members;
- Develops students' critical interpersonal skills through speaking, listening, and collaborative teamwork;
- Advances students' knowledge of American history and government necessary to function in a democratic society; and
- Encourages the development of civic participation.

The 5 "W's" of the Nevada Student Mock Election

Q. Who can be involved in the Nevada Student Mock Election?

A. All students and teachers Kindergarten through Twelfth grade, including public, charter, private and homeschool students.

Q. What is the Nevada Student Mock Election?

A. The Nevada Student Mock Election is a comprehensive, interactive, cross-curricular program designed to educate Nevada students about the electoral process in the State of Nevada. The Nevada Student Mock Election is designed to instill in students an interest in the electoral process by allowing them to participate in a simulated election.

- National Voter Registration Day: September 22, 2022)

Nevada Student Mock Election Day: November 4, 2022. The Nevada Student Mock Election is an opportunity for students to cast their votes for the candidates in federal races and on ballot initiatives facing the voters of the State of Nevada.

Q: When does everything happen for the 2022 Nevada Student Mock Election?

A: Timeline for the 2022 Nevada Student Mock Election





Q: Where does the Nevada Student Mock Election take place?

A: The 2022 Nevada Student Mock Election will take place primarily online; we will utilize an online voting system.

Q: Why do I want to participate in the Nevada Student Mock Election?

A: The Nevada Student Mock Election benefits students by providing opportunities to research, collaborate with peers, use primary sources, develop critical thinking and analysis skills, and have fun while learning about the electoral process. [There is no PDE] by providing Nevada specific curriculum and activities for the 2022 General Election. The Nevada Student Mock Election benefits the community by encouraging the next generation to develop passion for civic participation as well as assisting in the development of skills, such as critical evaluation of information that can be utilized throughout life.





Student Mock Election Activities Guidelines

The Nevada Student Mock Election is an opportunity for students to cast their votes for the candidates in federal races and on statewide ballot initiatives facing the voters of the State of Nevada.

In order to participate in the Student Mock Election, you will need to register your school. Visit Nevada's Student Mock Election webpage at YouthVote.NV.gov and click on **Registration**.

After the Student Mock Election

Following the completion of your school's Student Mock Election, we would appreciate your feedback, please send photographs and a description of your Student Mock Election event to MockElection@sos.nv.gov, to include:

- Number of students registered to vote in the Student Mock Election
- Number of students who voted in the Student Mock Election (voter turnout)
- Suggestions for improvement to the Nevada Student Mock Election for the future



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Initiatives and Ballot Referenda

Initiatives and referenda are processes that allow Nevada citizens to utilize a petition circulation process to propose new legislation, amend the Nevada Constitution or existing state statutes or approve or disapprove of existing laws.

Initiatives are a device by which voters enact state or local laws. A referendum can only approve or disapprove a statute, resolution, or ordinance that was enacted by the State Legislature, Board of County Commissioners or City Council. They are both methods of involving voters directly in the legislative process of government.

The process and timelines are different depending on the type of petition, and they must be strictly complied with in order for the petition to succeed.

SIGNATURES NEEDED: Statewide petitions filed in the 2022 election cycle require 97,958 valid signatures including at least 24,400 signatures from each of the four Petition Districts in Nevada. ([NRS 293.127563](#))

A person who intends to circulate a statewide initiative or referendum petition is required to provide certain information to the Secretary of State's office prior to collecting signatures.

The Secretary of State's website has information on the filing process, filing dates and guides and resources.



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SPECIAL BULLETIN: None of These Candidates

None of These Candidates is a choice that must appear on Nevada's ballots for statewide offices or President and Vice President of the United States.

Every ballot upon which appears the names of candidates for any statewide office or for President and Vice President of the United States shall contain for each office an additional line equivalent to the lines on which the candidates' names appear and placed at the end of the group of lines containing the names of the candidates for that office. Each additional line shall contain a square in which the voter may express a choice of that line in the same manner as the voter would express a choice of a candidate, and the line shall read "None of these candidates." ([NRS 293.269\(1\)](#))

(Added to NRS by 1975, 475)

More information:

[None of These Candidates – One Online Nevada Encyclopedia](#)

Appendices can be found on the [Nevada Secretary of State's Website \(nvsos.gov\)](https://nvsos.gov)

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