

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is encouraging all Iowa high schools to conduct voter registration drives on **Tuesday, March 30**. Governor Reynolds plans to issue an official proclamation declaring Tuesday, March 30 as “**Iowa High School Voter Registration Day**.” The date coincides with the 50th anniversary of Iowa ratifying the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18.

REGISTERING STUDENTS TO VOTE

In Iowa, state law allows 17-year-olds to register to vote.

- There are almost 2,000 17-year-olds currently registered to vote in Iowa.

How can you conduct a voter registration drive? Here are a few examples to get started:

1. Print [voter registration forms](#) and organize a table during the lunch hour, or at a local chapter or event meeting.
2. Send students a link to the [Iowa DOT's online electronic voter registration portal](#).
 - Click [here](#) to watch a how-to tutorial on online voter registration.
 - Online voter registration requires the last five digits of the social security number, as well as either an Iowa driver's license or an Iowa non-operator ID.
3. Send students a link to the [Iowa Secretary of State's voter registration webpage](#).
4. Allow teachers or youth civic organization leaders to share why voting is important in class and how local elections, such as school board and city council, affect students directly.
5. Provide links and voter registration forms to students in homeroom, advisement periods, and study halls.

ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Students can check their voter registration by visiting sos.iowa.gov/AmIRegistered.

PROMOTION

Our **hashtag** for the statewide **Iowa High School Voter Registration Day**: **#BeAVoter**

- Encourage your students and fellow teachers/leaders to use the hashtag **#BeAVoter** on any posts or photos they upload, and we may feature them on our social media and press releases.
- Be sure to tag the Iowa Secretary of State's Office on social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)).

All completed voter registration forms can be returned to your local [County Auditor's Office](#).

If you plan on participating or have any questions, please contact Kendall Antle (Project Manager) in the Iowa Secretary of State's Office. E-mail: Kendall.Antle@sos.iowa.gov Phone: (515) 725-1012