

Welcome to the Kids Voting Arizona Curriculum & Activities Introduction

The Kids Voting program in Arizona continues to improve and expand civic awareness. With the 1991 passage of Arizona House Bill 2141, young people are able to accompany adults into polling places to cast ballots specifically designed for them. Over a million votes have been cast by Arizona kindergarten through 12th grade students since the inception of the program in 1988. In addition, according to independent research, tens of thousands of adults have also cast ballots as a direct result of Kids Voting.

This year Arizona students can ***VOTE ONLINE!!*** Our online voting option, ELECTION CONNECTION, allows students to go to our website, www.kidsvotingaz.org, and cast their ballot early via the Internet. Students can also request an early, mail-in ballot on our site.

This effort to educate current and future voters includes Presidential, State and Local Elections. We are making a difference! Thanks, in part, to you, Arizona's educators. You bring the important concepts surrounding voting and elections to your students and families, and engage young people in civic activities.

The Mission of Kids Voting Arizona is: *to engage young people in the activities of democracy.*

Our goal is:
to enhance citizen involvement in the democracy of the United States by preparing current and future voters to participate in greater numbers.

The Kids Voting Arizona Curriculum and Activities is designed for use by teachers at all grade levels, in all Arizona schools and defines important local voting and elections concepts. By using the Kids Voting curriculum, you will prepare your students to become participatory, educated, lifelong voters.

This portion of the curriculum is a local election supplement to the Kids Voting curriculum for the purpose of providing state specific resource material. As a teaching resource, we have included web links to the Arizona Constitution, the state legislature, congressional and legislative district maps, voter registration, county governments, the political parties, candidate information and many other Arizona and national civic links. You may also find additional information at www.kidsvotingaz.org.

Please take a moment to email us at info@kidsvotingaz.org with your contact information so we can add you to our mailing list to ensure that you receive the most updated and current classroom materials and information. We have also included Kids Voting voter registration cards that you can print out and distribute to your students to show that they are "registered" voters.

We encourage you to use these materials as a supplement to the *Kids Voting* curriculum. This curriculum satisfies many of the state and national social studies standards with an emphasis on civics, government and history. The activities are easily integrated into all disciplines, in all grade levels, K-12.

Arizona students will be the most well informed and highly represented voters at the polls this year!

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