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# STUDENTS VOTE STUDENTS VOTE



## What Is a Mock Election?

Illinois Students Vote, working in cooperation with the National Student/Parent Mock Election, affords students and their parents an opportunity to participate actively in the political process by simulating an actual election in local schools.

The theme for the National Student/Parent Mock Election in the year 2000 is: "Ballots Not Bullets, Votes Not Violence. You do not need a gun to make your voice heard."

Through class activities, students will study the candidates and issues of the 2000 elections in order to make informed voting decisions.

## A Valuable Teaching Tool

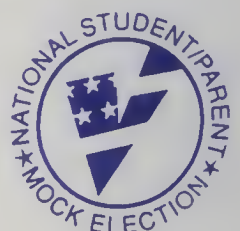
Illinois Students Vote is a valuable teaching tool which has been designed to increase awareness and understanding of the election process, to encourage students and their parents to get involved in the process, and ultimately, to create a generation of voting adults.

## Who Can Participate?

Illinois students in kindergarten through 12th grade (and their parents) are eligible to participate and vote in the Mock Election on November 2, 2000.

**There are no costs or fees involved.**

Participating schools will receive curriculum suggestions and activities. On November 2, Illinois schools will call the state Mock Election headquarters with tabulated votes from their local sites. Tallied state votes will then be called in to the National Student/Parent Mock Election headquarters for election result announcements.





## Why Should You and Your Students Participate?

Participating in Illinois Students Vote benefits the whole community by building responsible, contributing, knowledgeable citizens. Activities which are designed to inform and excite students about voting help them understand the need for citizen involvement in a democratic nation. Active participation in a Mock Election, where students learn by doing, roots a habit that will last a lifetime.

All teachers will receive a curriculum plan that will help them:

- ✓ create a classroom political forum,
- ✓ debate current events,
- ✓ integrate government with reading and math,
- ✓ develop critical thinking skills, and
- ✓ promote political discussion between students and parents.

## Educate the Leaders of Tomorrow

Students who become involved with the election process early will gain an awareness that their actions count. We must always remember that the students of today will be the leaders of tomorrow.

League of Women Voters units throughout the state may be prepared to assist schools in their areas. If you need more information, please call 312-939-5935 or fax your request to 312-939-6887.



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## **Student/Parent Mock Election Application**

Yes! Our school wishes to participate in Illinois Students Vote for 2000. On Mock Election Day (November 2, 2000), a representative from our school will call in our tabulated results to the Illinois Mock Election headquarters.

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Name

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School Name

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School Mailing Address

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City/State/ZIP Code

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Area Code/School Phone Number

FAX Number

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Signature

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Number of Students Participating

Grade Level

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Vacation Days in October

**Please return this form by September 30, 2000 to:**

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Chicago, Illinois 60604**

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- ✓ **Turn Your K-12 Classroom Into a Political Forum**
- ✓ **Integrate Government with Reading and Math**
- ✓ **No Costs or Fees to Participating Schools**

## **Mock Election Day**

**November 2, 2000**

Hold an election in your class, and call in your results to the state Mock Election headquarters. These votes will be added to the national totals.

### **Illinois Students Vote**

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