

POLICY

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Students

SUBJECT: REGISTRATION POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NY STATE ELECTION LAW §5-507

Recognizing the importance of voting and civic engagement Newark Valley Central School District supports and encourages student voter registration and pre-registration during the school year. Under New York Election Law, 16- or 17-year-old students who preregisters to vote will automatically be registered to vote upon reaching 18. Students 18 years and over who are qualified, can register to vote.

Newark Valley Central School District promotes student voter registration and preregistration through a program designed to:

- a) Support collaboration with county boards of elections to conduct voter registration and pre-registration for students 16 and over;
- b) Provide access to online and paper voter registration and preregistration applications and materials;
- c) Provide assistance to students in completing voter registration and preregistration applications;
- d) Provide students with information about New York State and local requirements for voter registration and preregistration;
- e) Encourage voter registration and preregistration drives at school events that take place prior to voter registration deadlines for federal, state and local elections; and
- f) Inform students of all voting methods, including early voting, voting by mail and election day voting and suggest that students “make a plan to vote.”

The completion and submission of voter registration or pre-registration forms will not be a course requirement or graded assignment for Newark Valley Central School District students.

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