



## MYVOTE CALIFORNIA STUDENT MOCK ELECTION 2012

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### Join Us!

**The 2012 MyVote California Student Mock Election is on Tuesday, October 30!**

The **MyVote California Student Mock Election** helps young people discover the importance of elections and the power of their votes in our democracy. It gives high school and middle school students firsthand experience with the electoral process by giving them a chance to make their voices heard on the candidates and issues important to them and their families.

### Here's How

Schools register at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm> and select a Student Mock Election Coordinator. The Coordinator serves as the school's primary contact to receive and distribute updates on the Student Mock Election to participating teachers, and report the final schoolwide vote tally to the Secretary of State's office.

The mock election could become a project for the student government, by itself or with other student groups. Or it might involve a broader committee of students, teachers, parents and community volunteers. Voting can take place in classrooms or in one central location on campus. Schools decide on the location and add their own creative touches to make their mock election a rewarding experience.

### Tools and Resources

Engaging, standards-based lesson plans and activities, selected for the **Student Mock Election** by the California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, can help teachers prepare their students to become informed and involved voters. The following mock election tools and resources will be available this summer on the **MyVote California Student Mock Election** web page at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/studentmockelection.htm>:

- Standards-based lessons and activities
  - Ballots, posters and "I Voted" stickers
  - The Secretary of State's Official Voter Information Guides (early fall)
  - Links to other election-related resources
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<b>Key Dates</b>	September 21	Schools registering by this date receive materials by mail
	October 29	Schools registering by this date print materials from the website
	October 30	Mock Election Day
	October 31	Announcement of statewide student voting results
	November 6	California General Election

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**Register your school for the MyVote California Student Mock Election at**  
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