

ELECTION 2018: KIDS VOTING MISSOURI---TEACHER Q & A FACT SHEET

#	Questions	Answers
1.	What is Kids Voting?	KVMO is an affiliate of KVUSA, a national, non-partisan civic education program in which students in PK-12th grades engage in special Citizenship Activities and then go to KV polls on or near Election Day to cast ballots for many of the same candidates and issues as the adult voters. The aim is to help students become informed, engaged citizens.
2.	When did Kids Voting USA begin?	It began in Arizona in 1988 and came to Missouri in 1996 when the Ritenour School District made a commitment to participate.
3.	What are the goals of Kids Voting USA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To help students acquire/exercise critical thinking & decision-making skills necessary for making informed judgments ○ To stimulate youth & adult participation in the voting & political process ○ To help students become informed, active citizens
4.	When does Kids Voting take place?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KVMO allows early voting; early voting will open Mon., 10/15/18 - Mon, 11/05/18—however, your Kids Voting district liaison will determine your voting dates & let you know ○ Election Day-2018—Tuesday, November 6, 2018 <i>Many St. Louis County districts are closed!</i>)
5.	How/where do students vote?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ballots are accessed via KVUSA's on-line voter system—DoubleClick Democracy ○ At designated "official" Kids Voting polls in schools
6.	Time students vote?	Times will vary & are established by the District Kids Voting Team and/TBL of the school.
7.	How is Kids Voting "run" in each school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each KVMO participating school district selects a person(s) to serve as the Kids Voting Liaison for that District or School ○ Each school recruits 1 or 2 teachers to serve as TBL's or "KVMO Teacher Leaders" for that school. ○ On Voting Day (s), the TBL's, Parent Leaders, and the Junior Poll Workers will set up the Kids Voting election area, check in student voters, and help the students access the on-line ballots.
8.	How does each school get their KV ballot(s)?	E-Ballots: URL links for each OFFICIAL KVMO Ballot will be sent to the District KVMO liaison. This is done by late August or early September 2018. For grades K-3, there will also be a very Special Ballot with its own URL.
9.	What is the role of the teacher?	<p>To prepare students for their Election Day by making sure students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete the Student Voter Registration Lesson (<i>In Elections & Voting theme</i>) ○ Know where/when to vote at the Kids Voting poll (place and times) ○ Understand why voting is important ○ Know [BEFORE ELECTION DAY] what candidates/issues are appearing on the Ballot(s).
10.	When should the Student Voter Registration lesson be completed?	The official Missouri deadline for voter registration is Wednesday, October 10, 2018. It is a good idea to complete this lesson <u>before</u> 10/10/18 and discuss with students why most states require citizens to register <u>before</u> voting. <i>Teachers might want to have students research other states and compare/contrast all the different methods and times for voter registration. Some states have same day registration!</i>
11.	How do students know what's on the ballot?	<p>There are several ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In early Sept., sample KVMO ballots are made available to each school district in PDF format ○ In Oct 2018, teachers are encouraged to check out the League of Women Voters "Comprehensive Voters Guide" at www.vote411.org ○ Teachers should go over the candidates and issues with students <u>before</u> the actual date of their election.
12.	How can teachers prepare students for the actual election?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By making sure students are knowledgeable about the candidates and issues <u>before</u> Election Day. ○ By ensuring that each student knows where and when he/she will vote. ○ By reviewing the sample ballot so students are familiar with the ballot items BEFORE Election Day. ○ By having students read newspapers and news magazines (or other internet resources) and critically think about the candidates and issues. ○ By utilizing the Missouri Secretary of State's web page at: www.sos.mo.gov/
13.	How are ballots collected/ tabulated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With on-line voting there is NO ballot collection—Once votes have been cast results are automatically tabulated. However, Official Kids Voting Missouri results <u>are not</u> made available until after polls close on ELECTION DAY---11/06/18. ○ Schools can access their results with a special log-on & password.
14.	How do we find out the Kids Voting Missouri election results?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Results are available at 7:05 p.m. on November 6, 2018; results will also be posted online on the Kids Voting Missouri web site: www.kidsvotingmissouri.org under Election Resources. ○ Each school district will get its own Election Report URL, User ID, and password to access results for its district and schools.