

VOTERS REGISTRATION

PURPOSE

The Procedural Guidelines establishes the requirement that students who are of age be afforded the opportunity to register to vote in public schools.

BACKGROUND

West Virginia Code 18-2-9 provides that” every high school student eligible by age for voter registration shall be afforded the opportunity to register to vote pursuant to Section Twenty-Two, Article Two, Chapter Three of (the state) Code.” This policy requires county board of education to establish policies that will afford students, who are eligible by age to vote, the opportunity to register to vote in the public schools.

The Raleigh County Board of Education recognizes that a primary goal of public education is to prepare students to actively participate in a democratic society. The Board further recognizes that participation in a democratic society involves functioning within the democratic process.

Therefore, the Board shall prepare students to competently function within the democratic process by providing educational opportunities which prepare students for voter registration and by providing students, who are of the appropriate age, the opportunity to register to vote in the public schools.

Section 2 Definition

A student who is eligible by age is a student who has reached his/her eighteenth birthday or, in an election year who shall attain that age on or before the general election.

Section 3 Implementation

Each year eligible students shall be provided an opportunity to register to vote. During a primary election year this opportunity will be provided at least thirty days prior to a primary election.

Legal Reference: West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2324

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