

2008 National Student/Parent Mock Election

Sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

The Program

The National Student/Parent Mock Election actively engages students in state and national campaigns to emphasize the importance of voting and the power of their ballots. On October 30th, students and parents across the country will cast their votes for the candidate they believe should be the next President of the United States. The Kennedy Presidential Library is the Massachusetts host site for the Mock Election, and will provide curriculum materials and activities to assist teachers throughout the state in preparing their students to vote.

For more information on the National Student/Parent Mock Election, visit www.nationalmockelection.org.

In partnership with:
Massachusetts NIE Council,
Parent-Teacher Association, and
the League of Women Voters

Goals

The program aims to:

- ★ Increase understanding of the voting process
- ★ Promote a discussion of issues and candidates
- ★ Stimulate informed participation in the electoral process

Role of School Coordinator

We ask each participating school to choose a coordinator to be responsible for distributing the mock election ballots and materials to all students, teachers, and interested parents in the school, and reporting the election results to election headquarters on October 30.

VOTE
on October 30, 2008

How to Participate

- ★ **Sign up.** Complete the enclosed enrollment form and return it to the Kennedy Presidential Library. This program and all educational materials are provided free of charge.
- ★ **Discuss the electoral process, candidates, and issues.** The educational materials provided by the Kennedy Presidential Library will highlight connections to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Use these materials to inform students and to motivate them to get involved in the election process.
- ★ **Vote on October 30, 2008.** Distribute the ballots provided by the Kennedy Presidential Library to all students, parents, and staff, and tabulate the results.
- ★ **Report the results.** On October 30th, report your school's election results to the Kennedy Presidential Library via phone, fax or e-mail.

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Mock Election Enrollment Form

Yes! Our school would like to participate in the National Student/Parent Mock Election on October 30, 2008

School: _____

Address: _____

Coordinator: _____

Coordinator's e-mail address: _____

Phone number: _____ Fax number: _____

Grade level(s) of participating students: _____

Please return completed form to the Education Department, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston, MA 02125, fax to 617.514.1641 or email mock.election@nara.gov



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President John F. Kennedy

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