



**DELAWARE
VOTING RIGHTS
COALITION**

HOW TO VOTE IN DELAWARE'S SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 12

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:



ACLU OF
DELAWARE
VOTER
INFORMATION
WEBSITE

[VOTEDELAWARE.ORG](https://votedelaware.org)



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS
DELAWARE
VOTER INFO
WEBSITE

[VOTE411.ORG/DELAWARE](https://vote411.org/delaware)



FIRST STATE
EDUCATE
SCHOOL BOARD
INFO WEBSITE

[FIRSTSTATEEDUCATE.ORG](https://firststateeducate.org)



DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT
OF ELECTIONS
WEBSITE

[ELECTIONS.DELAWARE.GOV](https://elections.delaware.gov)



PERSONALIZED
REGISTRATION,
BALLOT, &
POLLING PLACE
INFORMATION

[IVOTE.DE.GOV](https://ivote.de.gov)



2026 OVERVIEW

WHAT TO KNOW AHEAD OF DELAWARE'S SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, MAY 12. POLLS OPEN 7 AM - 8 PM.

WHERE TO VOTE

To find your school district and polling places in your district, visit ivote.de.gov, and enter your residential address.

For more information, visit the Delaware Department of Elections school board website at bit.ly/doe-school-2026.

You can vote at any polling place in your school district.

ELIGIBILITY

To vote in Delaware's school board elections, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen and a resident of Delaware.
- A resident of the school district for which the election is being conducted.
 - Visit bit.ly/find-district-de to find your school board district.
- 18 years of age on or before the day of the election, **Tuesday, May 12.**

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THE RACES

The following school districts DO NOT have a school board election this year:

- Brandywine
- Cape Henlopen
- Capital
- Indian River
- Lake Forest
- Laurel
- Seaford
- Smyrna
- Woodbridge

The following school districts have a school board election this year:

- Appoquinimink
- Caesar Rodney
- Christina
- Colonial
- Delmar
- Milford
- Red Clay Consolidated



ABSENTEE VOTING

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

ELIGIBILITY

To vote absentee you must qualify for one of the reasons listed on the Department of Elections website. View the full list at bit.ly/schoolboard-absentee

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REQUEST A BALLOT

Permanent absentee voters must still apply to vote absentee for school board elections. **You can request an absentee ballot by:**

- Visiting ivote.de.gov
- Downloading and returning the **[absentee ballot request form](#)**.
- Calling or emailing the Department of Elections to request an application.
- Picking up an application at the **[Department of Elections](#)**.

The Department of Elections must mail out absentee ballots by **Friday, May 8.**

The Department of Elections can issue absentee ballots in-person at the Department of Elections office in the voter's county of residence up to **noon on Monday, May 11.**

RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Note: You can review the status of your absentee ballot at ivote.de.gov

Your ballot must be received by the Department of Elections office in your county by 8 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, May 12.

You can return your ballot by:

- Placing the ballot in the U.S. Mail
- Dropping off the ballot at the **[Department of Elections office](#)** in your county.

You can vote absentee in-person at the Department of Elections office in your county between **8:30 AM and 4 PM** on business days, or **between 8:30 AM and noon** the day before the election. You must bring ID.



For video assistance, visit bit.ly/absentee-assistance.



ELECTION DAY

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HELPFUL TIPS

- If the polls close while you're still in line, stay in line - you have the right to vote.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one.
- If the machines are down at your polling place, ask for a paper ballot.

BRING ID

Voters must show one of the following forms of ID:

- State-issued photo ID
- Utility bill
- Paycheck
- Any government document with the voter's name and address

If you do not have one of the above forms of ID, you can sign an affidavit of affirmation that you are the person listed on the election district record.

ELECTION DAY

All eligible Delaware voters can cast their ballot in person on Election Day, **Tuesday, May 12.** Polls are open from **7 AM - 8 PM.**

To find your school board district, visit bit.ly/find-district-de.

To find the designated polling places in your school district, visit ivote.de.gov and enter your residential address.

You can vote at any polling place location in your school district.



ACCESSIBILITY

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES ELECTIONS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

DISABILITY

Federal law requires elections to be accessible to voters with disabilities.

This includes the right to:

- Vote privately and independently.
- Vote in a polling place that is accessible and free of physical barriers.
- Use an accessible voting machine.
- Assistance from a person of your choice, except an employer or union representative.
- Assistance at any point as a means of accommodation.

Election Officers and poll workers must make all reasonable accommodations as needed to help you vote.

If you believe that your polling place is not accessible, you should contact the Department of Elections for your county before the day of the election to make other arrangements to vote.



For video assistance, visit bit.ly/accessible-voting-de.

LANGUAGE

Under federal law, voters who have difficulty reading or writing English may receive in-person assistance at the polls from the person of their choice, except an employer or union representative.

If you have trouble voting due to a lack of English fluency, call one of these hotlines:

- **Spanish:** 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA or 1-888-839-8682
- **Arabic:** 1-844-YALLA-US or 1-844-925-5287
- **Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Urdu, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese:** 1-888-API-VOTE or 1-888-274-8683

IF YOU NEED HELP

Individuals with disabilities who encounter issues or have questions can contact:

Nina Kegelman
nkegelman@declasi.org | 302-856-2027
Voting Rights Advocate
Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.



ACCESSIBILITY

ACCESSIBLE VOTING MACHINES

Accessible voting machine features:

- Adjustable height for standing or seated voters.
- Connection for sip-and-puff devices.



Voters who are blind or have a visual impairment can:

- Change the screen to display larger text and high contrast.
- Use headphones to listen to ballot text.
- Black out the screen for privacy.
- Adjust the audio volume and speed.
- Use an audio-tactile keypad with Braille legends.
- Hear a read-back of their selections.

A voter using the ExpressVote XL audio-tactile keypad, listening to the ballot text by wearing headphones.

FILING AN ACCESSIBILITY COMPLAINT

If you experience a problem with access to voting or any other voting problem covered by Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) you may file a formal complaint. You must submit your complaint to the Office of the State Election Commissioner or any of the Departments of Elections for the counties.

The complaint must be:

- In writing.
- Notarized.
- Signed and sworn by the voter.

If the complaint is originally submitted to the Department of Elections for the county, it will be forwarded to the State Election Commissioner on the same day it is received

If you require assistance filing a complaint, contact Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI) at 302-856-2027 or by email at nkegelman@declasi.org.