



# HOW TO VOTE IN DELAWARE'S SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**  
**Polls open 7 am - 8 pm**

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

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ACLU OF  
DELAWARE'S  
VOTER INFO  
WEBSITE

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



LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS  
DELAWARE  
VOTER INFO  
WEBSITE

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



VOTAMOS,  
WE VOTE  
COALITION  
WEBSITE

[VOTAMOSDE.ORG](https://votamosde.org)



DEPARTMENT  
OF ELECTIONS  
SCHOOL  
BOARD  
WEBSITE

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



BALLOT INFO,  
ABSENTEE  
REQUEST

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



SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
LOOK UP  
TOOL

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



# 2023 OVERVIEW

WHAT TO KNOW AHEAD OF THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS -  
TUESDAY, MAY 9, POLLS OPEN 7 AM - 8 PM.

## WHERE TO VOTE

To find your school district, use the Delaware Department of Elections search tool at [bit.ly/findyourschooldistrict](https://bit.ly/findyourschooldistrict)

To find the polling places in your school district, visit the Delaware Department of Elections school board website at [bit.ly/deschoolboardelections](https://bit.ly/deschoolboardelections) and click on your district.

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

## ELIGIBILITY

To vote in Delaware's School Board Election, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States and resident of the State of Delaware.
- A resident of the school district for which the election is being conducted.
- 18 years of age on or before the day of the election.

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## THE RACES

The following school districts DO NOT have a school board election.

- Brandywine
- Colonial
- Capital
- Lake Forest
- Woodbridge

The following school districts have a school board election.

- Appoquinimink (At-Large)
- Caesar Rodney (At-Large)
- Cape Henlopen (Nominating District A)
- Christina (Nominating District C, E)
- Delmar (At-Large)
- Indian River (Nominating District 2)
- Laurel (At Large)
- Milford (At-Large, Nominating District A, B)
- Red Clay (Nominating Districts A, D)
- Seaford (At-Large)
- Smyrna (At-Large)

**All eligible voters living in a school district with an election are permitted to vote in all races happening within the school district - regardless of nominating district. \***

*\*This does not include Indian River. You must live in nominating district 2 to vote in the Indian River school board elections.*



# 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 [elections.delaware.gov](https://elections.delaware.gov)**

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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](https://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](#).

**You must request your absentee ballot by noon on Friday, May 5.**



For video assistance, visit [bit.ly/requestabsentee2023](https://bit.ly/requestabsentee2023)

## RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Note: You can review the status of your absentee ballot at [ivote.de.gov](https://ivote.de.gov)

**Your ballot must be received by the Department of Elections office for your county by 8 pm on Election Day, Tuesday May 9. 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 your county Department of Elections office 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/voteabsentee2023](https://bit.ly/voteabsentee2023)



# ELECTION DAY

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## 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.

## 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.



# 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 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 on accessible voting options, visit [bit.ly/accessiblevotingde](https://bit.ly/accessiblevotingde)

## 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 lack of English fluency, call one of these hotlines:

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

## IF YOU NEED HELP

Individuals with disabilities who encounter issues at their polling places or have questions can contact:

**Joann Kingsley ([jkingsley@declasi.org](mailto:jkingsley@declasi.org))**  
**Voting Rights Advocate**  
**Disabilities Law Program,**  
**Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.**  
**800-292-7980 or 302-856-2027**

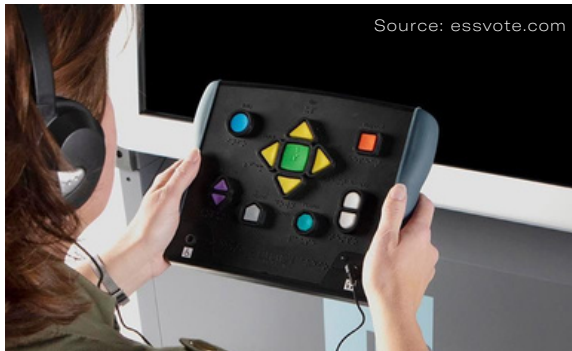


# ACCESSIBILITY

## 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 800-292-7980 or 302-856-2027 or by email at [jkinglesley@declasi.org](mailto:jkinglesley@declasi.org)**