

All participants...

- Will serve under the direct supervision of the Chief Election Officer in the precinct.
- Must be strictly impartial at all times, not discussing politics, candidates or issues.
- Must arrive on time and may not leave the polling place during his/her shift.
- Are expected to dress appropriately-no jeans, shorts, sweats, t-shirts, etc.
- Are expected to use appropriate language and behavior at all times.
- Are expected to work, not visit, with friends and neighbors.
- May not use cell phones, pagers or other electronic devices in the polling place.

The Electoral Board will attempt to assign students to polling places near their homes and high schools. No more than two students will be assigned for each shift at each polling place.

All participants will be presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" by the Board of Supervisors following the election. The Electoral Board will provide the school/teachers with a list of participants and number of hours worked so that they may award classroom credit as appropriate. The Electoral Board will also prepare press releases for the local newspapers and media to publicize the student participation.

Note – Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, working toward their Eagle and Gold awards, may also be able to fulfill some of their merit badge requirements by participating in this program.

"High School Pages (Leah, Melanie, Jihan, Meredith, Erin, Kim, Tae, Susan and Emily) the best new thing to happen to the operation of polling places since the implementation of Electronic Voting Equipment." David Jenkins, Chief; pct. 311 Langley

"Kristin and Jon were polite, competent, articulate and an invaluable resource, well received by voters needing assistance." Linda Andersen Butler, Chief; 222 Reston #3

"Sean was a joy and excellent asset to the team. He was enthusiastic and genuinely interested in the election process." Lewis Lipscomb, Chief; pct. 829 Saratoga

"Eric and Ashkan were bright, energetic and intelligent young men who were a pleasure to work with! A definite asset to this election." Eddie Hemphill, Chief; pct. 406 Hayfield

"Lizz was an essential, productive asset who contributed 100% to the success of the operation of this precinct." James Mitchell, Chief; pct. 610 Sherwood

"John and Aaron provided outstanding support in every regard; courteous, helpful, very proactive. Helped to make the election process function smoothly." James Saunders, Chief; pct. 922 Willow Springs

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ELECTION DAY PARTICIPATION



**OFFICER
OF
ELECTION**

**ELECTION
PAGE**

For
**HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS**

The 2000 General Assembly enacted legislation* enabling the local electoral boards, with the cooperation of school authorities, to establish a program for high school students' interest in voting, to foster an awareness of the elderly and disabled community, and to assist the officers of election on Election Day.

The Fairfax County Electoral Board invites high school government students to participate in the program this November. Students may serve as either Election Officers (if eligible) or Election Pages. The individual schools/teachers will determine what participation credits or volunteer hours the students may be awarded.

Note: Schools are not in session on Election Day, in November.

***Code of Virginia, § 24.2-604**

H. A local electoral board, and its general registrar, may conduct a special election day program for high school students, selected by the electoral board in cooperation with high school authorities, in one or more polling places designated by the electoral board, other than a central absentee voter precinct. The program shall be designed to stimulate the students' interest in elections and registering to vote, provide assistance to the officers of election, and ensure the safe entry and exit of elderly and disabled voters from the polling place. Each student shall take and sign an oath as an election page, serve under the direct supervision of the chief officer of election of his assigned polling place, and observe strict impartiality at all times. Election pages may observe the electoral process and seek information from the chief officer of election, but shall not handle or touch ballots, voting machines, or any other official election materials, or enter any voting booth.



Election Pages: Students who are not eligible to vote or who only wish to participate for a portion of the day may serve as Election Pages. Students must be seniors, have the approval of their parents (if under 18) and be recommended by his/her government teacher or home school advisor. Election Pages...

- Are required to work from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Will assist Election Officers with various tasks, including setting up the polling place, directing voters, assisting elderly and disabled voters and distributing information. Pages may observe, but may not check names, operate voting machines or tally results.
- Are required to attend a training class. Classes, lasting approximately 3 hours, are held in mid-October at the Fairfax County Government Center.
- Are required to subscribe to the Election Page Oath administered by the Chief Election Officer.
- Do not represent a political party.
- Do not receive compensation for serving.



Election Officers: Students who will be 18 years old on, or before, Election Day and have registered to vote on or before the registration deadline, are eligible to serve as Election Officers. Election Officers...

- Are required to work the entire day from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (or possibly later).
- Are legally responsible for the conduct of the election, including checking names and ID's, operating voting machines and ascertaining results.
- Are required to attend a training class. Classes, lasting approximately 2 hours, are held in mid-October at various locations around the County.
- Are required to subscribe to the Constitutional Oath prior to Election Day. (Notaries are available at the training classes for this purpose.)
- Are required to subscribe to the Election Officer Oath administered by the Chief Election Officer before the polls open on election morning.
- Choose to represent either the Democratic or Republican Party.
- Are paid \$100 for Election Day.