

The logo features the words "ELECTION READY" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, enclosed within a black rectangular border with a distressed, stamped appearance. The background of the entire header banner is blue with white stars and red and white wavy stripes.

Poll Worker Pulse

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

Summer/Fall 2011

The Newsletter for and about Miami-Dade Election Workers

Message from the Supervisor of Elections

Over the past ten months, together we have planned and executed five countywide, three state, and 14 municipal elections both accurately and fairly for the voters of Miami-Dade County. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication shown by everyone involved in the process, especially you, the poll workers. As we take a brief moment to enjoy our success, be assured the planning for the Fall 2011 elections as well as preparation for the 2012 election cycle have already begun.



There have been a number of changes made to election laws this past legislative session. Two significant changes include, electors no longer being required to recite their address aloud when checking in at their precinct and eligible registered voters who move from one county to another within the state who do not change their address before Election Day are now required to vote a provisional ballot. These changes and others will be highlighted in future poll worker training classes, so you are comfortable with the new procedures.

For now, I hope you are enjoying your summer. I look forward to working with you in the coming months as we prepare for future elections. To that end, please make sure you update your contact information with us. This will enable us to contact you for upcoming elections. You can email any changes to your address or phone number to pwpulse@miamidade.gov or you can call the poll worker section directly at 305-499-8448.

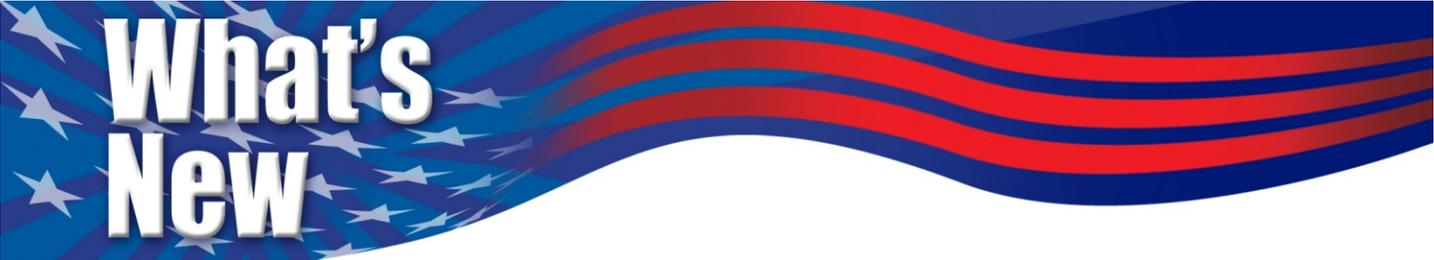
Thank you again for your hard work and dedication in serving the voters of Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely,

Lester Sola
Supervisor of Elections

The logo for Miami-Dade County, featuring the words "MIAMI-DADE" in white above "COUNTY" in white, both on a blue background. To the right is a stylized blue shape resembling the letter 'D'.

Delivering Excellence Every Day



What's New

Poll Worker Training

We will continue to hold combination classes whereby clerks, assistant clerks, inspectors, and poll deputies train together. The beginning of each class will cover all poll worker duties and responsibilities related to managing a precinct, which is approximately three hours. The clerks and assistant clerks are required to remain in class for an additional hour to review their specific job functions.

Early Voting

The number of Early Voting days have been reduced to eight days with the number of hours open each day increasing. For those elections you are working on Election Day, make sure to vote early or by requesting an Absentee Ballot. Please check the Miami-Dade County Elections Department website www.miamidade.gov/elections for Early Voting locations and hours and for instructions on how to request an Absentee Ballot.

Poll Watchers

Approved poll watchers within your precinct will now be required to wear badges provided by the Elections Department. You will continue to be provided with a list of approved poll watchers. However, all poll watchers can now enter any and all precincts. Therefore, you will be required to ensure only one poll watcher per candidate, committee, or political party is present in your precinct at any given time. This will be further addressed during training.



F.S. 101.045 now:

Permits a change of residence at the polling place for a person changing residence **within** a county. A person whose change of address is from **OUTSIDE THE COUNTY** may not change his or her legal residence at the polling place or vote a regular ballot, but must vote a provisional ballot.

FOR EXAMPLE: If the voter's name does not appear in the precinct register and the voter states that they have recently moved from another FLORIDA COUNTY, a call **MUST** be made to Voter Registration at 305-499-8363. Voter Registration will advise if the voter is eligible to vote in this election.

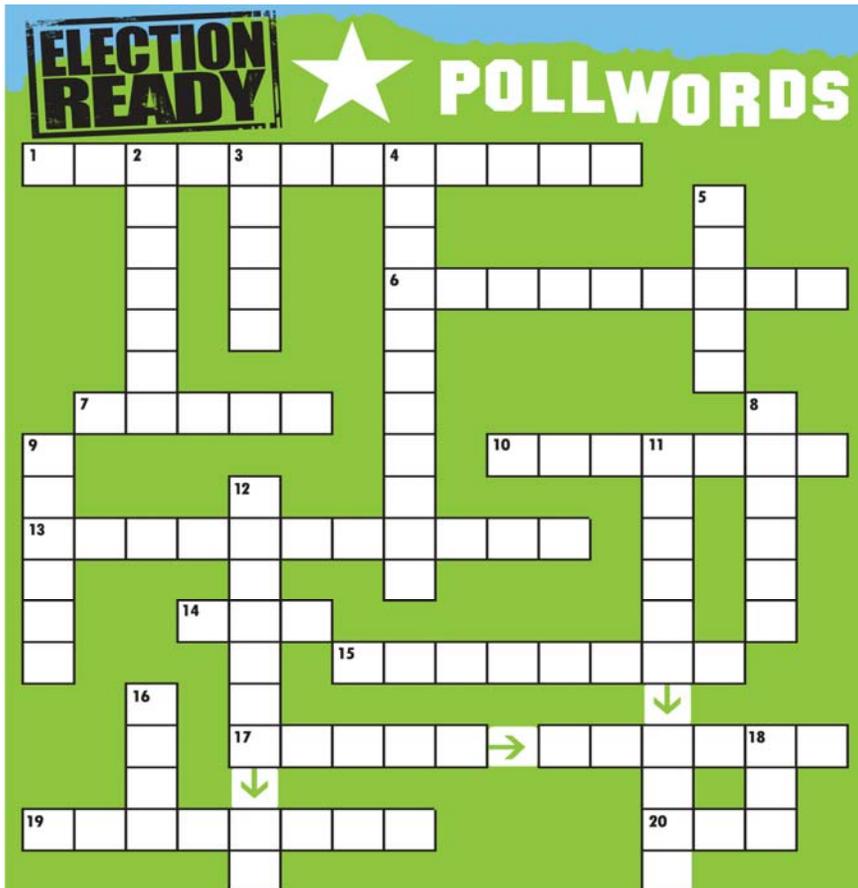
ES will bring ALL voted Provisional Ballots, Provisional Ballot Log, and "OUT OF COUNTY" Affirmations to the Collection Center inside the "GREEN USED PROVISIONAL BALLOT BAG."

Voted Absentee Ballot Procedures

If your precinct receives a phone call regarding a voter that has voted via absentee ballot, please follow these procedures:

- Voter Registration will contact you with a list of voters who have voted absentee. Locate the voter's name in the precinct register and place the "Voted Absentee" label on the signature line. **(Voted Absentee Labels are found in payroll envelope.)**
- **DO NOT** bubble or initial the voter's information.
- If the voter has already signed the register, do not place the label over the signature line. Make sure that Voter Registration is aware so that the voter's absentee ballot is cancelled.

Are you star worthy? Test your knowledge with this poll workers' puzzle.



ACROSS

1. Must occur 29 days prior to election
6. Check In _____, Ballot Table _____, OSVE _____ or Privacy Booth _____
7. Person in charge of voting precinct
10. Election Day is usually on _____
13. Type of ballot used when voter's eligibility cannot be verified
14. Storage unit for Clerk's Kit, Boxes, etc. (abbr.)
15. Cast your vote by mail using an _____ Ballot
17. Casting a ballot prior to Election Day at designated locations (two words)
19. Another name for Polling Place
20. Precincts must meet _____ standards for accessibility to all voters (abbr.)

DOWN

2. Type of election held across parties
3. Time polls open and close
4. Form used by ES to update address, name, and signature
5. Person who casts the ballot
8. What gets scanned to record a vote
9. Electronic device used to look up voter information
11. Rovers who ensure proper election procedures (two words)
12. All voters must have a current and valid signature and _____ (two words)
16. Optical Scan Voting Equipment (abbr.)
18. An Independent voter (abbr.)

For puzzle solution, see bottom of next page.



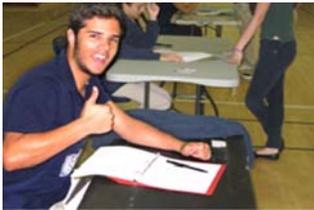
The 2011 Help America Vote High School Mock Election Program

The Miami-Dade County Elections Department and the Miami-Dade County Public School Board completed The Help America Vote High School Mock Election Program. The U.S. Election Assistance Commission's goal was to promote student commitment and involvement in the election process.

2011 PROGRAM RESULTS:

- 20 High Schools participated
- 300 students were trained as poll workers
- The Program received an 81% overall satisfaction rating based on student surveys completed by those students who participated in the mock elections

TOTAL of 14,498 students voted



Sunshine State Book Election

The Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program is a statewide reading motivation program for students in grades 3-8. The purpose of this program is to encourage students to read independently based on interest rather than reading level. The long term goal of the program is to nurture lifelong readers who will continue to read for information needs and personal pleasure.

In order for students to be eligible to vote, they must read a minimum of three books. After which, students voted on their favorite books. The Elections Department assisted six elementary and middle schools throughout Miami-Dade County.

The winning book for Elementary Schools was "11 Birthdays". The winning book for Middle Schools was "I.Q.: Independence Hall".



"This is an excellent learning program for the kids, because many are not yet US citizens."

— Hialeah High School
Activities Director

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS:

ACROSS 1. Registration 6. Inspector 7. Clerk 10. Tuesday 13. Provisional 14. BTC 15. Absentee 17. Early Voting 19. Precinct 20. ADA
DOWN 2. General 3. Seven 4. Affirmation 5. Voter 8. Ballot 9. Laptop 11. Strike Team 12. Picture ID 16. OSVE 18. NPA (No Party Affiliation)

2011 Elections At-A-Glance

September 13, 2011
Virginia Gardens Municipal Election

October 4, 2011
Homestead Primary Election

November 1, 2011
Hialeah Primary Election
Homestead General Election
Miami Beach General Election
Miami General Municipal Election

November 15, 2011
Hialeah General Election
Miami Beach Run-Off Election
Miami Run-Off Election

December 6, 2011
Biscayne Park Municipal Election

December 20, 2011
Biscayne Park Run-Off Election

2012 Elections Month At-A-Glance

January 24, 2012
Florida City Bi-Annual Election

January 31, 2012*
Presidential Preference Primary

**The date may change subject to a decision by the Presidential Preference Primary Date Selection Committee by October 1, 2011.*

Please refer to the Elections Calendar for the most up to date schedule at:
www.miamidade.gov/elections/news_escalendar.asp



Miami-Dade Elections Registration Statistics as of 7/6/11

Republican	370,378	30%
Democrat	538,403	44%
Other	317,015	26%
Total	1,225,796	100%



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Miami-Dade County provides equal access and equal opportunity in employment and services and does not discriminate on the basis of disability.

"It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act."

Elections Contact Information

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