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Student Poll Worker Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How many hours is the poll worker commitment?

Mandatory training is four hours; student training will be offered on Saturdays. Poll workers must be at their assigned polling place at 5:30 a.m. on Election Day. Polls are officially open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Poll workers are expected to remain at their assigned precinct until all closing procedures are complete.

How do interested students apply to serve as a poll worker?

Their SGA school sponsor will have application packets available. The school sponsor will collect applications on behalf of the student(s) and return to the Office of the . *Students must be pre-registered or registered to vote in Miami-Dade County.*

Can a student who is under 18 still serve as a poll worker?

Students who are 16 or 17-years-old and officially pre-registered to vote can serve as a poll worker. Once the student turns 18, they are officially a registered voter. They must remain a registered voter in Miami-Dade County to serve the Office of the Supervisor of Elections as a poll worker.

What positions are students assigned to as poll workers?

Students will be assigned as a Poll Deputy. Deputies are responsible for greeting voters and maintaining order at the polling location. Excellent customer service is an important aspect of serving as a Poll Deputy.

Do I get paid for working as a poll worker?

Student Poll Workers will receive training and Election Day pay (approximately \$150) for serving as a Poll Deputy once they have successfully completed their Election Day duties.

Will I work as a poll worker at my school?

The Office of the Supervisor of Elections will work with the student to make sure they are placed at their actual school (*if it serves as a polling location*) or any other MDCPS location. Note: the student is responsible for transportation to and from their assigned polling location.

Is working as a poll worker considered an excused absence?

Yes, however, if Election Day is *not* already a school holiday (i.e., countywide General Elections), the student will have to fill out the MDCPS field trip form and get all the required approvals prior to being assigned as a poll worker so that the attendance is marked “s” for special/field trip.

What are the income tax logistics for getting paid?

Poll workers are not considered employees; they do not fill out tax forms. They are paid a stipend for training and Election Day duties. Poll worker income is not reportable income unless a poll worker earns \$600 or more at which point the Office of the Supervisor of Elections will distribute a W-2 form to the student.

What are the benefits of a student serving as an Election Day poll worker?

Students can make a difference and serve their community. Serving as a poll worker is also an excellent resume and college application builder. Very importantly, students get to facilitate democracy by serving as proud poll workers! #BeAProudPollWorker