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Student Poll Worker Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How many hours is the poll worker commitment?

Mandatory training is from four to six 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?

Senior High School Social Sciences Department Chairpersons are provided with information to share with students. Students must meet the requirements stated and apply directly to the Office of the Supervisor of Elections. Students also have the option to apply on-line by scanning the QR code, then scroll down to select "High School Poll Worker Application". 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 for the Office of the Supervisor of Elections as a poll worker.

What positions are students assigned to as poll workers?

Students will primarily be assigned as an EViD Inspector upon passing the certification exam. EViD Inspectors are responsible for verifying that the voter presents the correct form of identification, confirm voter information, administer the election oath, and identify precinct number and ballot style. Excellent customer service is an important aspect of serving as an EViD Inspector.

Do I get paid for working as a poll worker?

Student Poll Workers will receive training and Election Day pay (approximately \$170) for serving as a EViD Inspector 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. Each polling location will be assigned no more than one high school student. 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

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