

THE POWER OF DEMOCRACY

Civic Engagement



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Youth Opportunities

On September 10, 2020, the California Department of Education approved the criteria for the California State Seal of Civic Engagement (SSCE) “to encourage, and create pathways for, pupils in elementary and secondary schools to become civically engaged in democratic governmental institutions at the local, state, and national levels.”

For more information, check out our toolkit:
bit.ly/SSCEToolkit



Partnering with Families

Partnering with parents/guardians and families raises awareness and expands opportunities. The Power of Democracy encourages families to participate in civic education, which can improve students' social well-being and increase their feelings of connection and belonging. Including civics in family engagement is a way to foster a healthy community, communication skills in young people, and ways for families to solve problems as a community.

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YOUTH VOTER TOOLKIT



AMPLIFY YOUTH VOTE & VOICE!

**YOUR VOTE
IS
YOUR VOICE**



The Youth Voter Toolkit is here!

Supporting students beyond simply registering to vote. To access this interactive digital notebook, click on the following link:
[Youth Voter Toolkit.](#)

What is included?

- Resources to help students identify what they care about and their "why" of voting
- Activities to guide them through making informed decisions
- Tools for developing their voting checklist and plan to continue voting in future elections

Youth Voter Registration Weeks: September 21 – October 2

California Mock Election Happening October 6

Last day to Register to Vote for Election 2020 is October 19

bit.ly/YVToolkit

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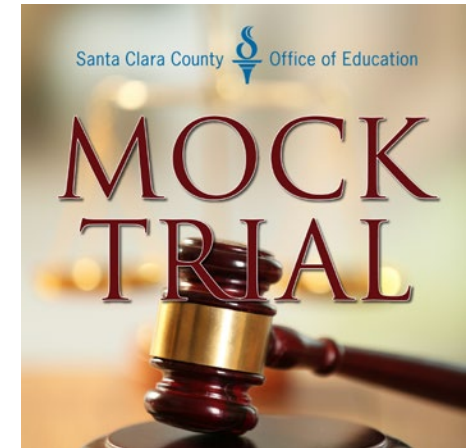
Resources

The Youth Voter Toolkit includes 24 activities to support students exploring issues they care about, who votes and why, understanding and choosing a political party, creating a plan, and reflecting on their identity as a voter or someone who uses their voice.

Youth Voter Toolkit:
bit.ly/YVToolkit

Youth Programs

Santa Clara County Mock Trial Invitational



National History Day



To learn more about youth programs,
please visit:
civics.sccoe.org/engage.aspx

Professional Development

Santa Clara County Office of Education provides inclusive, equitable, and high-quality civic education professional development opportunities. Through learning models such as the **Integrated Action Civics Project**, participants have the opportunity to learn how to incorporate civic and democratic process content, inquiry, and literacy into standardized education through instructional design that meets the needs of all students. Our professional development aids educators in supporting youth to develop discipline-specific literacy skills and effectively answer and formulate questions about the past and the present. The training empowers educators to help students build their youth voice to contribute to public processes and discussions of real issues in a way that reflects civic values.

HISTORY SOCIAL SCIENCE FRAMEWORK

FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

