

WHAT IS A PRIMARY ELECTION?

Primaries are the process by which major political parties determine the candidates that will later run in the general election. Primaries can occur for all levels of elected office, and every state has different laws and rules for when and how its primaries are held.

HOW DOES THE OHIO PRIMARY WORK?

The Ohio primary is a semi-open primary, which means that voters must declare their party affiliation when they go to cast their ballot. Democrats will see a ballot with candidates for the Democratic nomination, and Republicans will see a ballot with candidates for the Republican nomination. Some primaries include local or state issues/initiatives, which will be on both party ballots and the only items on the independent ballot.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Voter registration information is public record. Ohio offers the Safe At Home address confidentiality program for victims of crime. Visit: SafeAtHomeOhio.gov

Many protections and accommodations are available for voters with disabilities. Visit: ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/voters-with-disabilities/

Election Protection Hotline:
866-OUR-VOTE (687-8683)

go.osu.edu/osuvotes
osuvotes@osu.edu

VoteOhio.gov
vote.org



I am registered to vote at _____ in _____ county.



I will vote at or mail my ballot to _____



Absentee Voters

I have completed and returned my absentee ballot request form.

I have returned my signed ballot.



I will vote on ___/___/22

On this day, my polling place is open from _____ until _____

My mode of transportation: _____



I will bring _____ as my voter ID.



I have researched candidates and issues on my ballot.



I voted!



MY VOTING PLAN

go.osu.edu/mvp





AM I REGISTERED?

Before voting for the first time, you must register to vote in the state you want to vote in. In Ohio, new voters must be registered to vote 30 days before the next election to be eligible to vote in that election. Registered voters who need to update their name or address must also update this information 30 days before the election.

*For this year's primary, voters must be registered by:
Monday, April 4, 2022*

CHECK

Check your voter registration by going to: voterlookup.ohiosos.gov

Take note of the address you are registered with and ensure it is up to date. OSU students are eligible to register with a campus address and be a Franklin county voter! If you are an Ohio resident, you can choose between registering and voting in your home county or Franklin county.

REGISTER OR UPDATE

Ohio residents can register online at: olvr.ohiosos.gov

NO OHIO ID? (NO PROBLEM!)

Out-of-State OSU students are eligible to vote in Ohio from their campus address, but those without an Ohio ID must register using the paper form and the last 4 numbers of their social security number. OSU Votes has these forms available and will deliver them to the Franklin County Board of Elections.

To print this form from home, access it at olvr.ohiosos.gov

The signed form can be mailed or delivered to your county board of elections.

HOW WILL I VOTE?

Ohio voters have three options to cast a ballot. You can vote in-person on election day, in-person early, or by absentee ballot, also called mail-in ballot.



IN PERSON

Early voting happens weekdays beginning April 5 and includes the Saturday, Sunday and Monday before Election Day. Early voting takes place at your county board of elections.

Election day is Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Polls are open from 6:30 AM - 7:30 PM

WHERE?

Find your local polling place for election day voting or your board of elections for early or absentee voting: ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/polling-location/
Don't forget to check voting hours!



ABSENTEE

To vote by mail, you must complete an absentee ballot request form and mail it to your county BOE. Then, your ballot will be mailed to you. OSU Votes can print your request form and provide postage.

Print your absentee ballot request form here: ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot/

This must be received by your board of elections before noon on Saturday, April 30, 2022. USPS recommends allowing 7-10 days to account for delays. Your completed absentee ballot must be postmarked by Monday, May 2, 2022 or delivered to your BOE by poll close on Election Day.



WHAT WILL I BRING?

Valid voter ID must have your name and address with which you are registered to vote unless the ID is an Ohio Drivers License or Ohio-issued State ID (different address is acceptable).

VALID ID FORMS:

1. Photo ID from the US Government or State of Ohio (ID issued by other states are not valid)
2. Military ID
3. Utility Bill
4. Bank Statement
5. Government Check
6. Paycheck
7. Other Government Document*

*Students can update their Current Address on Buckeye Link and print a Statement of Account to serve as ID.



WHO WILL I VOTE FOR?

This November, elections will be held for an open U.S. Senate seat and the Ohio Governor. Both parties have candidates competing in the primary for their party's nomination for these positions. The primary will also include nominations for positions like U.S. House of Representatives, the Ohio General Assembly, Mayors, City Councilmembers, County Commissioners, County Sheriffs, Judges, and other local positions.

RESEARCH

Find out which candidates and issues will be on your ballot (remember your ballot will be party-specific):

ballotpedia.org

vote411.org

Local issues and candidates can be found on county board of election websites.