

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL VOTER PROJECT

Administrative Packet



**Be Heard. Be Counted. Be Registered.**

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# ABOUT US



GHSVP is a **nonpartisan, student-led** organization that is committed to helping high school students become civically engaged, largely through voter registration. The GHSVP team includes **local election office workers, deputy registrar educators,** and **civically engaged students from across the state.**



*GHSVP is based out of the Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology in Lawrenceville, Georgia. The organization was founded by a GSMST senior, Mehek Saha (left), and the GSMST media specialist, Ms. Jennifer Sweat (right).*

*Now, GHSVP has expanded to include student leaders from across the state.*



# OUR MISSION

“How do I register to vote?”

“Where is my polling location?”

“What does a voting ballot look like?”

For many high school students, these questions are unanswerable. At the Georgia High School Voter Project, we believe **voting** is one of the most fundamental processes to supporting democracy, and **high schoolers should be given adequate guidance to fulfill this fundamental civic duty.**

**Our mission is to provide every eligible high schooler in Georgia the resources and opportunity they need to register to vote.**



*Signatures of all newly registered students at GHSVP voter drive for GSMST.*



*High school senior at GHSVP voter drive registering to vote.*



# OUR MISSION, CON'T

To answer the previous questions and more, **GHSVP partners with schools across Georgia to host voter registration and education drives.**

Coordinating with school administration and civically-engaged students, we facilitate voter drives tailored to each school, planning all logistics and running the drives in person. Through our work, **we simplify the process for each GHSVP-partner school to register all of their eligible high school voters.**



*GHSVP student leaders invited to Capitol Hill to share about GHSVP's efforts to Georgia Representatives and Senators.*



*Senator Jon Ossoff*



*Representative Barry Loudermilk (GA-11)*



# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

**This guide serves as a comprehensive toolkit for organizing a school GHSVP Voter Registration Drive. It provides essential resources including sample schedules, logistical requirements, and strategic suggestions for effective coordination among all stakeholders involved.**

Additionally, the last page includes a flyer to share with school administrators and other officials to help them understand what a voter drive may look like and why these types of events are important for an engaged student body.

*An election official from the Gwinnett County Election Office explains how to use a Ballot Marking Device during a GHSVP drive to newly registered seniors.*

*By working with local election offices, students can better understand the voting process and be more encouraged to cast their ballot.*



# GOALS OF A DRIVE



## ***Assist Students with Voter Registration***

*Designating school time increases likelihood of students registering*

*Many students will not think to register until days before the election, therefore missing the registration deadline*



## ***Foster a Longterm Culture of Democracy***

*Students should know exactly what to expect when it comes to voting and voter registration. No student should be afraid of the ballot box.*



*GHSVP voter drives include information such as how to confirm your registration, where to find your polling location, what to expect on election day, and how to be a poll worker.*

*GHSVP does not promote partisanship. Instead, we mobilize students to make their own political choices.*



# DRIVE LOGISTICS

## What does a GHSVP drive look like?

Here is a framework of what to expect!

**GHSVP** will provide the following:

- A comprehensive framework on how to set up a registration drive before the October 7th deadline
- Voter education handouts, including information on how to register, what to do after registration, etc.\*
- Drive advertisements tailored to school (informing students on what to expect & what to bring to drive)
- Optional: In-person set up and staffing on the day of drive
- Optional: Drive photography and GHSVP school banner

\*Link to all electronic materials will be provided during planning process

We ask **school administration and student representatives** (“Chapter Heads”) to work with GHSVP to coordinate the following:

- Determining a drive schedule (coordinating how eligible seniors will pass through the drive efficiently)
- Reserving a drive location (e.g. library, cafeteria table)
- Selecting a Student Chapter Head within the school to spearhead the drive and advertise to the student body (if one is not already determined)





# DRIVE LOGISTICS

## Example Schedules

At GHSVP, we want to optimize the number of eligible seniors who can attend our voter drives during the school day. This looks different at each school. Therefore, we work with school administration and Student Chapter Heads to develop a schedule that works for the individual school.

Below are two examples from past drives:

### Example #1

\*All seniors at this school are required to take AP Macroeconomics (either 1st, 3rd, or 5th period).

Seniors meet their Economics teacher at the voter drive for their class period.

Full Day Schedule		
1st Period	8:00-8:15 am	Teacher A's Economics Class
	8:15-8:30 am	Teacher B's Economics Class
	8:30-8:45 am	Teacher C's Economics Class
3rd Period	9:50-10:05 am	Teacher A's Economics Class
	10:05-10:20 am	Teacher B's Economics Class
	10:20-10:35 am	Teacher C's Economics Class
5th Period	12:30-12:45 pm	Teacher A's Economics Class
	12:45-1:00 pm	Teacher B's Economics Class
	1:00-1:15 pm	Teacher C's Economics Class

### Example #2

\*Seniors at this school are dispersed among all of the following classes in a block schedule. Dual enrolled students attend for half the day (either AM or PM).

Seniors are dismissed from class during their allotted time and will return to class after.

Morning Block (10:00-11:10 am)	
10:00-10:20 am	Math & English Classes Ex. AP Calculus, AP Lit, Precalculus, College Algebra, etc.
10:25-10:45 am	Science & Social Studies Classes Ex. AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, Economics, etc.
10:50-11:10 am	Pathway, Physical Activity, & Music Classes Ex. Band, Chorus, Weight Training, Team Sports, Agriculture, Healthcare, Art, Spanish, etc.

Afternoon Block (12:25-1:35 pm)	
12:25-12:45 pm	Math & English Classes Ex. AP Calculus, AP Lit, Precalculus, College Algebra, etc.
12:50-1:10 pm	Science & Social Studies Classes Ex. AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, Economics, etc.
1:15-1:35 pm	Pathway, Physical Activity, & Music Classes Ex. Band, Chorus, Weight Training, Team Sports, Agriculture, Healthcare, Art, Spanish, etc.

## Other Options

- Set up booth at lunch
- Collaborate with an after-school event (E.g. with Student Council)
- Ask teachers of senior classes to dedicate 5 min of class to registration

# NEXT STEPS

If you are a student interested in serving as your school's GHSVP Chapter Head or a school administrator/faculty member interested in collaborating with GHSVP,

**please send an email to  
[georgiahighschoolvoterproject@gmail.com](mailto:georgiahighschoolvoterproject@gmail.com)**

We will respond with details to coordinate a voter drive tailored to your school!



# THANK YOU!

## Thank you for your interest in working with the Georgia High School Voter Project!

We are grateful for your commitment to youth civic engagement, and we are excited to help facilitate a student voter registration drive at your school!





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## Our Goal

GHSVP is a **student-led, nonpartisan** organization that works to ensure all eligible **high school students** are **registered to vote**.

By focusing on students in Georgia, we aim to create a culture of democracy where students feel prepared to take part in one of the most fundamental areas of **political participation: voting**.

## Our Work

GHSVP collaborates with Georgia high schools to host voter registration drives. We work with county **election boards**, school **administrators**, and **student leaders** to provide high school seniors with all the resources they need to participate in local, state, and national elections. We also connect interested students with opportunities to become poll workers and election officers.

GHSVP champions voter education, ensuring all newly-registered voters are aware of their polling location, have access to a sample ballot, and know ID requirements to cast their vote.



- **109** voters registered per school in May 2024
- Slated to register over **20,000** students by the Nov. 2024 election



*Student using a ballot simulator at a GHSVP voter drive. We aim to ensure students feel comfortable and prepared upon their first time going to the polls.*



*GHSVP has worked with the Gwinnett County Election Office to provide multi-language materials to students, increasing access to the ballot box.*

## Contact Us

GHSVP is looking to collaborate with schools across Georgia to host additional voter drives. We hope to work with political leaders and non-profits to promote youth involvement in democracy.

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