

ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/APS: 2013 Spring Student Voter Registration Drive

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APS (Senior High), All Teachers

Due Date: May 01, 2013

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [2013 Voter Registration Process- Directions v 3 \(3\).doc](#)
[2013 Voter Registration Power Point for Teachers to Use DURING Registration v. 2.pptx](#)
[Voting- A Citizen's Responsibility.pptx](#)

To outline the procedures to be followed by all senior high schools to register eligible students to vote during the 2013 Spring Student Voter Registration Drive and announce the dates of the 2013 Spring Voter Registration Drive.

- The Department of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Miami-Dade County Elections Office, is conducting the Spring 2013 Student Voter Registration Drive.
- Due to federal court action, changes have been made to the rules governing voter registration. The State of Florida **no longer requires a sworn affidavit** from volunteers who conduct voter registration. As a result of this rule change, the District will once again utilize senior high school social studies teachers to assist with the 2013 Spring Student Voter Registration Drive.
- **The Spring Voter Registration Drive dates are as follows:**
 - **Beginning Date: Monday, April 29, 2013**
 - **Ending Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2013**
- The students targeted for registration are students who will be 17 years of age on or before **May 15, 2013** and who have not previously registered. These students will be eligible to vote in the Miami General Municipal Election on November 5, 2013. Other eligible students may pre-register as well.
- The attached document entitled "2013 Plan for Registering Students to Vote- Directions" provides all details necessary to conduct the drive. **Key deadlines include:**
 - **By Monday, April 22, 2013**, senior high school principals are asked to identify the Social Studies Department Chairperson, or other social studies teacher, as the school's **voter registration contact person**.
 - The **voter registration contact person** must register on the Department of Social Sciences' website by clicking on the following link: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/forms/voter-contact-school-form.asp>
 - All senior high school Social Studies Department Chairpersons will receive a 2013 Voter Registration Drive packet from the Department of Social Sciences via school mail.
 - The packet will contain **voter registration cards**, a **voter registration report form**, and complete directions on how to conduct the spring registration drive.
 - ***NEW*** Schools can also review their eligible students by accessing the Webview Control D Report called ***VOTERS – REGIS – REVIEW**.
 - An on-line reporting form indicating the number of students registered **must be completed on or before Wednesday, May 8, 2013**. The form may be accessed by clicking on the following link: <http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/forms/voter-agent-report-form.asp>.

IMPORTANT All schools must drop off their **completed and blank voter registration cards** to the Miami-Dade County Elections office as **2700 NW 87 Avenue**, Doral, Florida 33172. A DROP OFF box will be found at the elections office labeled: **M-DCPS' VOTER REGISTRATION**. The last day to drop off voter registration cards is: **Wednesday, May 8, 2013**.

IMPORTANT **DO NOT RETURN ANY COMPLETED OR BLANK VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.**

Be sure to count your completed cards and complete the online Voter Registration Form, found on the Department of Social Sciences' website, PRIOR to taking your cards to the Miami-Dade County Elections office (see reporting form link above).

To assist schools in completing the Spring 2013 Voter Registration Drive, the following attachments can be found with this briefing:

- **2013 Voter Registration Process- Directions;**
- **Voting- A Citizen's Responsibility PowerPoint-** optional- to be used during instruction *PRIOR* to conducting the voter registration drive to emphasize the importance of the responsibility of voting and to provide brief historical context regarding the history of voting in the United States; and
- **2013 Voter Registration Process Presentation PowerPoint-** to be used to assist teachers/students *DURING* the registration process.

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