

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Alameda, California
Resolution

August 27, 2024

Resolution No. 2024-2025.08

Resolution in Support of High School Voter Education Weeks

WHEREAS, the youth of California play a critical role in our democracy by helping to choose the people who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them and their futures; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda Unified Board of Education recognizes that involvement in civic and political institutions is essential to a democratic government, part of a well-rounded education, and an important element of preparation for adult life; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy 6142.3 mandates that the Superintendent or designee provide high school students with voter registration information; and

WHEREAS, September is National Voter Registration Month; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code section 49040(a) declares the last two full weeks of April and September as California High School Voter Education Weeks; and

WHEREAS, students ages 16-17 have the right to pre-register to vote in California, which allows them to be automatically activated when they turn 18 and begin receiving voting materials; and

WHEREAS, Voter turnout among 18- to 24-year-olds has consistently been lowest of all age groups; and

WHEREAS, since 2022 AUSD staff have been collaborating with the League of Women Voters (LWV) on student civic engagement efforts, including high school voter pre-registration and registration; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and acknowledges the importance of continued partnership with local organizations to support the ongoing efforts to increase civic engagement and voter registration among all eligible students in the City, as well as their peers and their families.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alameda Unified Board of Education does hereby adopt this resolution to (1) affirm its commitment to civic engagement and to encourage AUSD staff and high schools to participate in California High School Voter Education Weeks; and (2) encourage students to participate in the democratic process through voter education programs, becoming an election worker, and by inviting peers, family members, and the community to register to vote and get involved in the civic engagement activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote this 27th day of August 2024:

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Jennifer Williams, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: _____

Pasquale Scuderi, Secretary
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California