Bay Shore Union Free School District Policy:5605

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STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION AND

PRE-REGISTRATION

The Board of Education believes that getting young people involved in the election process helps to secure the future of democracy by preparing young people to be educated, engaged voters who have formed the habit of voting and contributing to civic life early.

In accordance with the law, and in an effort to promote student voter registration, the Board directs the superintendent, building principals or other designees to offer all students who are at least 16 years old (but will not be 18 years old by the next election) opportunities to pre-register to vote. Students who are or will be at least 18 years old by the next election will also be offered opportunities to register to vote. These students must be otherwise qualified to register to vote. Students pre-registering to vote will be automatically registered upon reaching the age of eligibility following verification of the person's qualifications and address.

The district will provide students with access to voter registration and pre-registration applications during the school year, and assistance with filing such applications. The district will inform students of the state requirements for voter registration and pre-registration. The district will meet these obligations through registration drives. Pre-registration and registration will be conducted during social studies classes.

Students who do not wish to register or pre-register to vote do not have to do so. There will be no penalty (including participation grades or credits) for choosing not to register or pre-register. Students are not required and will not be encouraged to register for any political party, but may do so if they choose.

Ref: Election Law § 5-507

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