THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The Road to the White House

Americans pick their presidents and vice presidents from the candidates presented by the Democratic and Republican parties. People do not vote directly for the president and vice president; instead, the Electoral College allows voters to vote for electors. These electors then cast votes a specific candidate, a system described in Article II of the Constitution.

The responsibility of voters has increased with the growth of our country and government. Even if you are not of voting age, now is the time to get familiar with the process and the importance of voting. Students are the future of this country, and your vote determines the fate of policies and tactics of leaders.

Follow this process in the upcoming 2020 Presidential Election.

START
(in Fall 2018)

STEP 1 - IDENTIFY THE CANDIDATES

Incumbent - Donald Trump - eligible for one more term.

Challengers- Many candidates participate in debates to gain party favor.

Candidates must be:
- ☑ *a natural-born citizen*
- ☑ *35-years old*
- ☑ *Resident for 14 years*

STEP 2 - CAUCUSES and PRIMARIES

Caucuses: Citizens participate in local meetings where members gather votes for their preferred candidate, used to elect delegates to the national party convention.

Primary Elections: A state-level election where party members choose a candidate to represent that political party at the general/presidential election.

March 2020
Ohio Primary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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STEP 3 - NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

National Conventions: Both parties have delegates that will choose the nominees for president and vice president. They will also adopt a platform outlining the party's policy priorities and values.

WELCOME TO MILWAUKEE
Democratic National Convention July 13 -16, 2020

WELCOME TO CHARLOTTE
Republican National Convention August 24 - 27, 2020

STEP 4 - GENERAL ELECTION

Campaigning: General election campaigning begins after each political party chooses a single presidential nominee. Those candidates travel the country, holding rallies and town halls, explaining their views and trying to win potential voters' support.

Voting at the General Election: Every four years, citizens in every state cast their votes for one president and vice president. These voters select groups of electors to represent each state on behalf of the voters.

November 2020
General Election

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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VOTE

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

STEP 5 - ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Electoral College System: In the Electoral College system, each state gets a certain number of electors based on its representation in Congress. A simple majority of the 538 (or 270 votes) is needed to win.

FINISH
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